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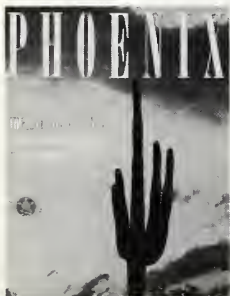
The American Legion

1991 Convention Program

Phoenix, Arizona

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ABOUT THE COVER: The Southwest has some of the most beautiful sunsets and when combined with unusual scenery found in Arizona a perfect picture can be captured. **Photo: Dietrich Stock Photos.**

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and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and
democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship
by our devotion to mutual
helpfulness.*



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73rd National Convention
August 30 thru September 5, 1991 — Phoenix, Arizona

Where to Register and Obtain Information

A Registration and Information Booth will be operated in Phoenix for the convenience of conventioners.

The booth will be located in the **Phoenix Civic Plaza Convention Center Lobby, North Plaza**. The booth will operate from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Friday, August 30 through Wednesday, September 4.

The Registration booth will operate for those persons who have not previously registered and wish to attend Convention Sessions.

All persons (except those under age 12) are to be reminded that the official convention badge or other approved credentials are required to gain entry to the General Convention Sessions.

Welcome to Phoenix and The American Legion's 73rd Annual National Convention

When I stood before the National Convention delegates in Indianapolis last September wearing the new cap of National Commander, I challenged you to take up the theme "Keep America On Your Mind!" You were equal to the challenge.

In the past year the world watched a coalition of forces from more than two dozen nations toil side-by-side in the searing sands of the Persian Gulf to ensure that a dictator could not bully his neighbors.

As they watched — members of the Legion family saw a need at home — and they met it. The Family Support Network of The American Legion was born to provide assistance to ease the problems we military veterans of other war periods knew would come with family separation.

It was a resounding success — because Legionnaires, members of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of the American Legion in countless communities around the nation made it work.

Certainly we kept track of the sheer number of calls. But the numbers are over-shadowed by the human needs that each of you helped meet: simple every day tasks around the home, financial assistance, personal safety, or cutting through the red-tape to ease a burden. You did this and more. It was an example of service to veterans and their families unequalled in modern times. A service that was provided in accord with the tradition of the Legion.

And, in the wake of the swift victory in the Persian Gulf it was the Legion who proposed a Desert Storm Veterans G.I. Bill. As we gather for convention in Phoenix, the proposal continues to be discussed in our nation's capital. Providing adequate benefits to the newest generation of war-time veterans is economically prudent and morally right.



Robert S. Turner

This bill will succeed because of the concern and involvement of Legionnaires, just as the original G.I. Bill did in 1944. But to succeed, it will take effort on your part. I am confident the next Commander of this great organization will find that each of the more than 3 million Legionnaires will rise to the occasion.

The Persian Gulf War — and the Family Support Network — naturally occupied many hours of American Legion attention. Yet, the wealth of experience Legion volunteers possess permitted us to focus on the headlines, while continuing to conduct successful community and state programs that have endured for decades.

This year the new Junior Shooting Sports Program held the first championship matches in Colorado Springs, Colorado. American Legion Baseball continued to attract top quality players. Participation in the High School Oratorical contest grew again as the opportunity for college scholarship funds — while learning about the U.S. Constitution — appeals to a wide section of America's youth. Legion support of Scouting continued to increase — a testimony to the program and the volunteer spirit of our members.

And Boys State continued to attract more young high school men around the country. Graduates of this program

will one day be our mayors, congressmen, corporation presidents, network news anchors and more.

It is important to note that the success of these programs depends on the success of our membership efforts to attract volunteers to continue the Legion legacy. This year these workers met the challenge as they worked to "Keep American On Their Minds."

Membership in our organization continues to climb. This marks the seventh straight year we have recorded membership growth. The growth comes from a combination of efforts, but the bottom line is you — the Legionnaire — who asked a fellow veteran to get involved.

Now, we look to the future when the men and women of Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm will join the Legion, and provide an expanded membership base which will assure the success of our programs, and undoubtedly spawn new programs as the needs of our nation and our fellow citizens change.

And through it all this past year, we proudly watched our flag fly over tent cities in the shifting desert sands. We saw the flag patches on the shoulders of our soldiers. We saw our young servicemen and women waving flags from "Humvees" and the cockpits of airplanes.

This living symbol of America was carried far and wide in the past 12 months as the beacon of freedom to the world. At home, as of this writing, 22 states have now passed memorializing resolutions calling on Congress to allow the citizens to vote on a flag protection amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Sixteen more states must issue the same call to Congress to make the point that Americans do not want to sit by and watch this precious symbol of our land trashed in a temper tantrum. I assure you our quest for the amendment is as strong as when it first began in 1989. Many of you have led the fight in your state. Together, within our communities, we'll tell Congress that we have "America On Our Minds." I am confident we will succeed in this effort.

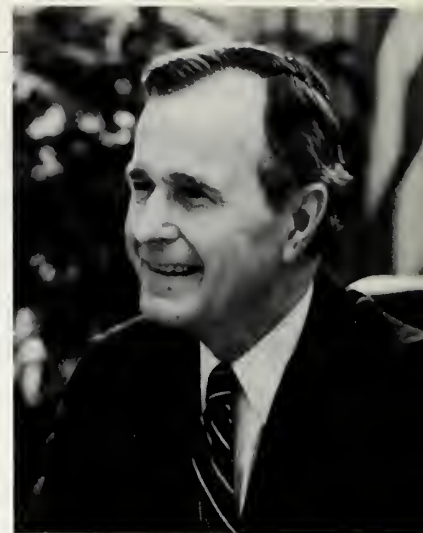
As we gather for the 73rd National Convention in Phoenix, I extend my sincere thanks to each of you for the important role you have played this year.

The future of our great organization is in good hands — and America will be the better for your efforts. □



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 27, 1991



I am delighted to send greetings to all those gathered for the 73rd National Convention of the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Your record of patriotism is hard to beat. You served our country in military uniform -- defending the universal cause of freedom and standing ready to risk life and limb for the sake of others -- but that service didn't end when you left the Armed Forces. You have continued to give of yourselves for the betterment of our country -- contributing time and energy as community volunteers and working in behalf of military families in time of need.

Your Family Support Network's tireless efforts during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm were a real blessing to the spouses and children of the members of our military who were suddenly called away from their loved ones to fulfill their duty in the Persian Gulf region. Your support for our efforts to liberate Kuwait and your devoted assistance to families here at home contributed to the success of this campaign. All Americans are grateful for what you have done and continue to do for our Nation, and I salute you.

Barbara joins me in sending best wishes to all the members of the American Legion and Auxiliary for a most enjoyable and productive convention. God bless you.

George Bush

THOSE WHO FORGET 1974 MAY BE FORCED TO RELIVE IT.

Americans have always looked on the bright side. We're born optimists. As long as things are going good we keep going good.

We sometimes forget the 1970's when our dependence on foreign oil lengthened the lines at gas stations.

And increased reliance on foreign oil can result in decisions that do not truly reflect America's best interests.

As veterans who have shared responsibility for America's security, you can appreciate that the greater this country's dependence on foreign oil, the greater the risk of committing military resources in order to maintain access to that oil.

It's something to remember these days.





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GREETINGS!

1991

It is a pleasure to welcome you to Arizona for the National Convention of the American Legion. As the world's largest Veteran's organization, you represent the welfare of those who have most selflessly served our country. Yet your efforts go well beyond meeting the needs of your own membership that include scores of vital patriotic and civic programs that enhance the lives of every person and every community across this nation.

I would like to commend each Legionnaire and Auxiliary member for their commitment and service to America. Arizona is especially honored to be your new host for this 73rd Convention. We hope in addition to your important conference agenda that you will take the time to enjoy the richness our Southwestern culture affords.

Best wishes for a successful event.

Sincerely,

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My Fellow Legionnaires:

Welcome to Phoenix Arizona, the Grand Canyon state, and the valley of the sun. The more than 34,000 members of The American Legion in Arizona are proud and honored to act as your hosts for this 73rd National convention of The American Legion.

We wish you an enjoyable convention and enlightening adventure to our beloved state. There exists a wide variety of experiences available within just a few hours of travel from Phoenix. To the north is the majestic and awesome Grand Canyon and the high country of the White Mountains and the Mogollon Rim. To the south, the Sonoran desert and Mexico. It is a land of stark contrast and beauty. It is a land of history and of life itself.

Take that extra time to stop, smell the fresh desert air and enjoy the majestic sunsets. Take a day and visit the Living Desert museum in Tucson or the wild west town of Tombstone. Plan a trip to the Grand Canyon, Hoover dam, Canyon de Chelly National monument or one of the many Spanish Missions established thru the southern part of the state.

We wish you pleasant memories of your visit to Arizona. If we can be of any assistance during your stay, please call upon us. The Arizona Legion family is here to serve.

Sincerely,

NILS F. NILSEN
Department Commander 1990-1991
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August 31, 1991

Greetings:

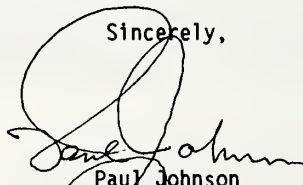
On behalf of the City Council, it is my pleasure to welcome the National Convention of the American Legion to Phoenix.

For those of you who are visiting Arizona for the first time, I hope you will take the time to get out and look around. I am very proud of all that Phoenix has to offer, and I know you will share my enthusiasm for our many fine restaurants, shopping opportunities, cultural events and leisure activities. Further, I'm certain you will want to return to the Valley of the Sun again and again.

On a personal note, I have always been an admirer of the men and women of the United States Armed Services -- but in this special time, I am doubly proud.

As Mayor, it is my honor to have you here -- you have my very best wishes for a successful and enjoyable Convention.

Sincerely,



Paul Johnson
Mayor

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NEW BENEFITS GIVE YOU BETTER COVERAGE

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WHEN: Saturday, August 31, 1991
Tuesday, September 3, 1991
Wednesday, September 4, 1991

TIME: 8 a.m. — 2 p.m.

WHERE: Phoenix Civic Plaza Convention Center, Hall "C"



DID YOU KNOW

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- ... One donation can help three hospital patients?
- ... Every 12 seconds, someone needs blood or blood products in the U.S.?

BLOOD DONOR QUALIFICATIONS

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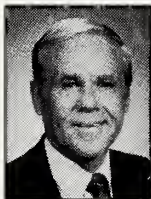
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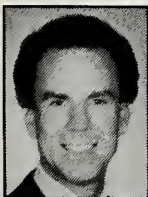
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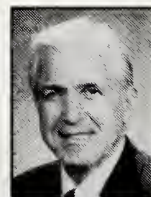
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*Official Program
Seventy-Third Annual
National Convention
of
The American Legion*



*Phoenix Civic Plaza
Convention Center
Phoenix, Arizona
September 3-5, 1991*

Agenda

73rd Annual National Convention — The American Legion Phoenix Civic Plaza Convention Center Hall B, Plaza North — Phoenix, Arizona September 3-5, 1991

Tuesday, September 3, 1991

- 8:30 a.m. PRELUDE
Peter Ole, Organist
- 9:00 a.m. CALL TO ORDER
Robert S. Turner (Georgia)
National Commander
- OPENING PROGRAM
- ADVANCEMENT OF COLORS
Blue Eagles Color Guard
American Legion Post No. 1
Phoenix, Arizona
- STAR SPANGLED BANNER
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Robert S. Turner (Georgia)
National Commander
- INVOCATION AND LIGHTING OF PEACE
CANDLE
Michas M. Ohnstad (Minnesota)
National Chaplain
- POW/MIA EMPTY CHAIR CEREMONY
By: William M. Detweiler (Louisiana)
*Chairman, Foreign Relations
Commission*
- PREAMBLE TO THE AMERICAN LEGION
CONSTITUTION
Robert S. Turner (Georgia)
National Commander
- CALL FOR CONVENTION
Robert W. Spanogle (Michigan)
National Adjutant
- 9:25 a.m. ADDRESS
The Honorable Lynn Martin
Secretary of Labor
- 9:45 a.m. WELCOME
The Honorable John McCain
*United States Senator
State of Arizona*
The Honorable Fife Symington
Governor of Arizona
The Honorable Paul Johnson
Mayor of Phoenix
Nils F. Nilsen, 1990-91 *Department
Commander*
The American Legion of Arizona
Dr. Charles L. Vawter, Jr., *President*
The American Legion National Convention
Corporation of Arizona, Inc.
- RESPONSES TO ADDRESSES OF
WELCOME
Robert S. Turner (Georgia)
National Commander
- 10:00 a.m. PRESENTATION of Plaque to the City of
Indianapolis
Host City for the 1990 National Convention
By: Miles S. Epling (West Virginia)
Past National Commander
Accepting: Gilbert E. Sheeks, *President*
American Legion National
Convention Corporation
of Indiana
- 10:05 a.m. CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION
By: Robert S. Turner (Georgia)
National Commander
To: Michas M. Ohnstad (Minnesota)
National Chaplain
- 10:10 a.m. PRESENTATION - Issuance of World War II
Commemorative Stamp
To: Robert S. Turner (Georgia)
National Commander
By: The Honorable Anthony Frank
The Postmaster General
- 10:20 a.m. NATIONAL COMMANDER'S REPORT
Robert S. Turner (Georgia)
National Commander
- 10:35 a.m. REPORT OF CREDENTIALS &
INTERNAL AFFAIRS — SECTION 1
- 10:45 a.m. REPORT OF LEGISLATION AND RULES
- 10:50 a.m. INTRODUCTION
Mrs. Richard Paul (Nebraska)
National President
American Legion Auxiliary
- 11:00 a.m. REPORT OF CHILDREN & YOUTH
ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNING
DEPARTMENT
GARLAND MURPHY AWARD
By: Robert S. Turner (Georgia)
National Commander
- 11:15 a.m. REPORT OF AMERICANISM
ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNING
DEPARTMENT
THE FRANK N. BELGRANO, JR. TROPHY
RALPH T. O'NEIL EDUCATION TROPHY
By: Robert S. Turner (Georgia)
National Commander

11:35 a.m. PRESENTATION — WILLIAM RANDOLPH
HEARST AMERICANISM TROPHY

By: Otto Wick, Jr., *Vice President and
Publisher*
Midland Daily News, Midland,
Michigan

To: Winning Department

11:45 a.m. PRESENTATION — REPRESENTATIVES OF
THE AMERICAN LEGION YOUTH
PROGRAMS

1991 Scout of the Year
Benjamin Barton Thomas, Helena,
Alabama

1991 First Place Winner National
Oratorical Contest
Jack L. White, II, Walnut, California

1991 Boys Nation President
Andrew K. Flatgard, Jackson, Mississippi

1990 Baseball Player of the Year
Mark Foster, Severn, Maryland

11:55 a.m. PRESENTATION — LEGION OF HONOR
BRONZE MEDALLION AWARD
THE CHAPEL OF FOUR CHAPLAINS

To: Robert S. Turner (Georgia)
National Commander

By: Col. Archie T. Roberts, *Chaplain USA,*
(Ret.)
Acting Senior Chaplain

12:00 noon ADDRESS
The Honorable Edward J. Derwinski
Secretary of Veterans Affairs

12:20 p.m. MESSAGE TO THE CONVENTION
Vahan Dukmejian, *National President*
The Society of American Legion Founders

GREETINGS

R.R. (Robert) Cassels
Dominion President
Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in
Canada

Patrick Watkins
Dominion Vice Chairman
The Royal Canadian Legion
General Joon-Yeoul So, ROKA, Ret.
President

The Korean Veterans Association
General Hsu Li-nung, *Chairman*
Vocational Assistance Commission for
Retired Servicemen
Republic of China

12:45 p.m. REPORT OF CREDENTIALS & INTERNAL
AFFAIRS — SECTION 2

1:10 p.m. REPORT OF CREDENTIALS & INTERNAL
AFFAIRS — MEMBERSHIP

SALUTE TO COLORS

RECESS

NOTE: Times of subsequent sessions and time of
Convention Committee Reports are subject to
change by the Chair.

Wednesday, September 4, 1991

9:00 a.m. CALL TO ORDER
Robert S. Turner (Georgia)
National Commander

SALUTE TO COLORS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

Michas M. Ohnstad (Minnesota)
National Chaplain

9:05 a.m. ADDRESS
The Honorable John J. Rhodes (Arizona)
United States House of Representatives

9:20 a.m. PRESENTATION — EMPLOYER OF THE
YEAR AWARDS FOR HIRING VETERANS

By: Robert S. Turner (Georgia)
National Commander

To: Jody G. Holbrook, *President and CEO*
Cornish Containers
Maumee, Ohio

To: David Thaxton, *President*
UNC Support Services
Helicopter Maintenance Service Project
Milton, Florida

9:40 a.m. REPORT OF ECONOMICS
Employment and Veterans Preference
Other Economic Matters

10:10 a.m. PRESENTATION — The American Legion
Distinguished Service Award (Posthumously)
1988 Recipient — Douglas Edwards, CBS
News Correspondent
By: John P. "Jake" Comer (Massachusetts)
Past National Commander

Accepting: Mrs. Douglas (May) Edwards

10:15 a.m. PRESENTATION — Award of Appreciation to
The American Legion on the Occasion of
the 50th Anniversary of the United States
Savings Bonds Program

To: Robert S. Turner (Georgia)
National Commander

By: Sally J. Spencer, *Manager*
Office of National Organizations and
Federal Programs, Department of the
Treasury
United States Savings Bonds Division

10:20 a.m. ADDRESS
Diane Carlson Evans, R.N.
Vietnam Women's Memorial Project, Inc.

10:25 a.m. ADDRESS
Brigadier General Wilma L. Vaught,
USAF (Ret.)
President
Women in Military Service for America
Memorial Foundation, Inc.

10:30 a.m. ADDRESS
John P. (Jake) Comer (Massachusetts)
Past National Commander
Member, Korean War Memorial Advisory
Committee

10:35 a.m. ADDRESS
Robert K. Corbin, *First Vice President*
National Rifle Association of America

10:40 a.m. INTRODUCTION — SONS OF THE
AMERICAN LEGION
Newly Elected National Commander

10:45 a.m. REPORT OF FINANCE

11:00 a.m. REPORT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS

11:20 a.m. REPORT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS &
REHABILITATION
Claims and Rating
Hospitals and Medical Services
ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNING
DEPARTMENT — WILLIAM F. LENKER
NATIONAL SERVICE TROPHY
By: Robert S. Turner (Georgia)
National Commander

12:20 p.m. REPORT OF CONSTITUTIONAL
AMENDMENTS
SALUTE TO COLORS
RECESS

Thursday, September 5, 1991

9:00 a.m. CALL TO ORDER
Robert S. Turner (Georgia)
National Commander
SALUTE TO COLORS
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
INVOCATION
Michas M. Ohnstad (Minnesota)
National Chaplain

9:05 a.m. ADDRESS
Admiral David E. Jeremiah, USN
Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

9:30 a.m. REPORT OF NATIONAL SECURITY
Aerospace
Defense Civil Preparedness
Law and Order
Merchant Marine
Military Affairs
Naval Affairs

10:10 a.m. PRESENTATION — THE AMERICAN
LEGION FOURTH ESTATE AWARD
By: Robert S. Turner (Georgia)
National Commander
To: The Bakersfield Californian
Bakersfield, California
Accepting: Michael Trihey, *Staff Writer*

10:20 a.m. PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE AND
COLORS TO OUTGOING NATIONAL
COMMANDER
By: Dale L. Renaud (Iowa)
Past National Commander (PLAQUE)
By: John H. Geiger (Illinois)
Past National Commander (COLORS)

12:00 noon (or at the conclusion of all other business,
whichever first occurs)
SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS
ELECTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS
National Commander
ADMINISTERING THE OATH OF OFFICE
TO THE NATIONAL COMMANDER
ACCEPTANCE SPEECH BY NEWLY
ELECTED NATIONAL COMMANDER
ELECTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS
Five (5) National Vice Commanders
PRESENTATION OF COLORS TO NEWLY
ELECTED NATIONAL COMMANDER
REPOSE BY NEWLY ELECTED
NATIONAL COMMANDER
PRESENTATION OF NEWLY ELECTED
NATIONAL PRESIDENT OF THE
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
UNFINISHED BUSINESS
BENEDICTION
RETIREMENT OF COLORS

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Convention Committee Reports are subject to
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NOTE: The National Executive Committee will meet
within twenty-four (24) hours after close of the
Convention.

Post-National Executive Committee

September 5
Yuma 24-25, Plaza South
Phoenix Civic Plaza Convention Center
Immediately Following Adjournment of the Convention



The American Legion



Salutes

The Armed Forces of the United States

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Navy
Air Force
Marines
Coast Guard
National Guard
and the
Reserve Units

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Things to do Places to see . . .



Camelback Mountain sits majestically between Scottsdale and Phoenix overlooking the Valley of the Sun.



What was once an obsession for prospecting pioneers, gold panning is now a popular activity for visitors to the Phoenix area. Nearby streams that have carved scenic canyons and valleys surrounding Arizona's capital are laden with enough gold so that every pan-handler leaves with a small vial of Arizona gold. Several Valley jeep tour companies specialize in group gold panning excursions. Shown are two visitors panning the Agua Fria River near the Lost Jupiter Mine.

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on
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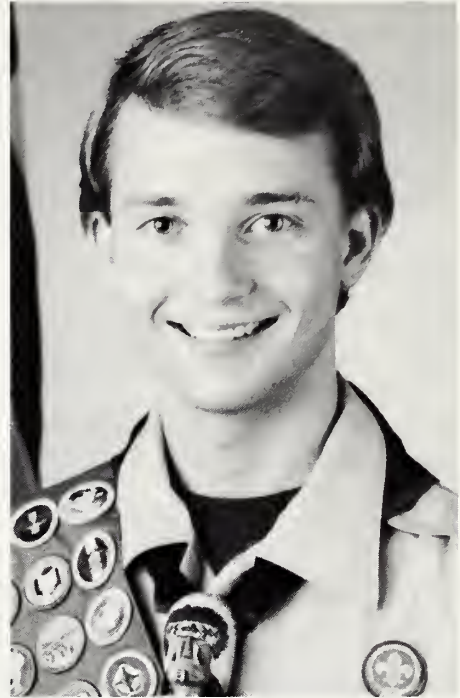
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The American Legion 73rd National Convention

Meeting Room Assignments

Standing Commissions and Committees

Americanism Commission:

August 31, 9:00 a.m.
Tucson 40, South Plaza
Phoenix Civic Plaza Convention Center

Americanism Screening Committee:

August 30, 9:00 a.m.
Remington A, 2nd Floor
Hyatt Regency Phoenix

Commission on Children & Youth:

August 31, 9:00 a.m.
Tucson 41, South Plaza
Phoenix Civic Plaza Convention Center

Constitution and By-Laws Committee:

August 31, 9:00 a.m.
Remington A, 2nd Floor
Hyatt Regency Phoenix

Convention Commission:

August 31, 9:00 a.m.
Board Room, 2nd Floor
Hyatt Regency Phoenix

Distinguished Guest Committee:

August 31, 9:00 a.m.
Phoenix Ballroom, 2nd Floor
Hyatt Regency Phoenix

Economic Commission:

August 31, 9:00 a.m.
Yuma 25, Plaza South
Phoenix Civic Plaza Convention Center

Economic Screening Committee:

August 30, 9:00 a.m.
Remington B, 2nd Floor
Hyatt Regency Phoenix

Emblem Committee:

August 31, 8:30 a.m.
Suite 327, Pool Terrace, 3rd Floor
Hyatt Regency Phoenix

Finance Commission:

August 31, 8:30 a.m.
Borein A, 2nd Floor
Hyatt Regency Phoenix

American Legion Life Insurance and Trust Committee:

August 31, 9:00 a.m.
Russell A, 2nd Floor
Hyatt Regency Phoenix

Foreign Relations Commission:

August 31, 9:00 a.m.
Yuma 21-22, Plaza South
Phoenix Civic Plaza Convention Center

Internal Affairs Commission:

August 31, 9:00 a.m.
Tucson 39, Plaza South
Phoenix Civic Plaza Convention Center

Membership & Post Activities Committee:

August 31, 9:00 a.m.
Tucson 38, Plaza South
Phoenix Civic Plaza Convention Center

Legislative Commission:

August 31, 9:00 a.m.
Tucson 42, Plaza South
Phoenix Civic Plaza Convention Center

S.A.L. Meeting

20th Annual Sons of The American Legion Convention

(Pre-N.E.C. Meeting)
August 30, 7:00 p.m.
Regency Ballroom A & B
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20th Annual Sons of The American Legion Convention

(General Sessions)
August 31, 9:00 a.m. — 5:30 p.m.
September 1, 7:30 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.
Regency Ballroom A & B
Hyatt Regency Phoenix

National Security Commission:

Joint Session with Foreign Relations Commission
August 31, 9:00 a.m.
Yuma 21-22, Plaza South
Phoenix Civic Plaza Convention Center

Public Relations Commission:

August 31, 9:00 a.m.
Curtis A, 2nd Floor
Hyatt Regency Phoenix

Resolutions Assignment Committee:

August 31, 9:00 a.m.
Prescott 8, Plaza North
Phoenix Civic Plaza Convention Center

The American Legion Magazine Commission:

August 31, 9:00 a.m.
Curtis B, 2nd Floor
Hyatt Regency Phoenix

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission:

August 31, 9:00 a.m.
Yuma 23-24, Plaza South
Phoenix Civic Plaza Convention Center

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Screening Committee:

August 30, 9:00 a.m.
Remington C, 2nd Floor
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Pre-National Executive Committee

September 2, 10:00 a.m.
Yuma 24-25, Plaza South
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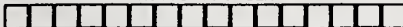
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The following Convention Committees will be composed of one delegate from each Department. Initial meetings of Convention Committees will be at the time and place as shown below. Subsequent meetings will be at the call of the chairman.

Meetings of Convention Committees normally will be closed to all except committee members.

Americanism Commission Convention Center

August 31, 9:00 a.m.

Tucson 40, South Plaza

Immigration and Naturalization Subcommittee

September 1, 9:00 a.m.

Tucson 40, Plaza South

Youth Activities Subcommittee

September 1, 9:00 a.m.

Tucson 40, Plaza South

Counter-Subversive Activities Subcommittee

September 1, 9:00 a.m.

Yuma 25, Plaza South

Children & Youth Convention Center

August 31, 9:00 a.m.

Tucson 40, South Plaza

Constitution and By-Laws .. Hyatt Regency Phoenix

August 31, 9:00 a.m.

Remington A, 2nd Floor

Credentials and Internal Matters . Convention Center

Credentials and Other Internal Matters

Section I & II

September 1, 9:00 a.m.

Tucson 39, Plaza South

Membership — Section III

September 1, 9:00 a.m.

Tucson 38, Plaza South

Economic Convention Center

Employment and Veterans Preference and Other

Economic Matters

September 1, 9:00 a.m.

Tucson 42, Plaza South

Emblem Committee Hyatt Regency Phoenix

September 1, 9:00 a.m.

Suite 327, Pool Terrace, 3rd Floor

Finance Committee Convention Center

September 1, 9:15 a.m.

Prescott 6-7, Plaza North

Foreign Relations Convention Center

August 31, 1:30 p.m.

Tucson 36, Plaza South

(All Subcommittee Rooms in Convention Center — Meetings at 1:30 p.m.)

Inter-American Affairs

Yuma 26, Plaza South

Foreign Relations — Continued

European Affairs

Yuma 27, Plaza South

African Affairs

Yuma 28, Plaza South

Far Eastern Affairs

Yuma 29, Plaza South

Middle Eastern Affairs

Yuma 30, Plaza South

General Foreign Policy Meeting

Tucson 37, Plaza South

Legislation & Rules Hyatt Regency Phoenix

September 1, 10:00 a.m.

Remington A, B, C, — 2nd Floor

National Security Committees .. Convention Center

August 31, 1:00 p.m.

Yuma 21-22, Plaza South

(All Subcommittee Rooms in Convention Center — Meetings at 1:30 p.m.)

Military Affairs Meeting

Yuma 31, Plaza South

General Security Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Yuma 21, Plaza South

Aerospace Committee

Yuma 32, Plaza South

Defense Civil Preparedness Committee

Yuma 33, Plaza South

Law and Order Committee

Yuma 34, Plaza South

Merchant Marine Committee

Yuma 35, Plaza South

Naval Affairs Committee

Yuma 22, Plaza South

Resolution Assignment Committee Convention Center

August 29, 9:00 a.m.

Prescott 8, Plaza North

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Convention Center

August 31, 9:00 a.m.

Yuma 23-24, Plaza South

Claims & Ratings and Hospitals and Medical Services

(Joint Meeting)

September 1, 9:00 a.m.

1991 Reunions and Dinners

Twenty and Four

Hyatt Regency Phoenix
Bivouac — Thursday, August 29:
Remington A, B, & C, 2nd floor
Friday, August 30: Phoenix West
Banquet — Friday, August 30:
Phoenix West, 2nd Floor - 7:30 p.m.

Historians' and Founders'

Luncheon & Meeting
Hyatt Regency Phoenix
Luncheon — Saturday, August 31
Phoenix West, 2nd Floor - 12:00 noon

ANAVICUS

Army, Navy and Air Force
Veterans in Canada
Hyatt Regency Phoenix
Breakfast Meeting — Sunday, September 1
Regency Ballrooms C & D - 7:00 a.m.

National Organization of World War Nurses Reunion

Hyatt Regency Phoenix
Monday, September 2
Curtis B, 2nd Floor - 11:00 a.m.

FODPAL

Hyatt Regency Phoenix
Breakfast Meeting — Monday, September 2
Regency Ballrooms A & B - 7:00 a.m.

Past Department Commanders Club

Hyatt Regency Phoenix
Luncheon — Monday, September 2
Regency Ballrooms C & D - 12:15 p.m.

American Legion Auxiliary

Civic Plaza Convention Center
States Dinner — Wednesday, September 4
Ballroom, South Plaza
225 E. Adams Street - 7:30 p.m.

National Commander's Banquet for Distinguished Guests

Civic Plaza Convention Center
Tuesday, September 3
Ballroom, South Plaza - 7:30 p.m.

National American Legion Press Association (NALPA)

Hyatt Regency Phoenix
Breakfast - Saturday, August 31
(Executive Board members only)
Remington B — 2nd Floor - 8:00 a.m.
Meeting — Saturday, August 31
Phoenix East - 3:00 p.m.
Banquet — Monday, September 2
Regency Ballrooms A & B - 7:00 p.m.

Eight and Forty

Sheraton Phoenix
Installation Dinner — Saturday, September 7
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The primary mission of the VA&R Commission is one of service to veterans, their families and survivors. Since The American Legion was founded in 1919, a network of service officers from the local Posts through the Department Service Officers in 58 VA Regional Offices to the staff of the Commission in the Washington Office of National Headquarters have provided service, information and assistance in the development and presentation of claims for disability and death benefits, education and training, medical care, waiver of overpayments and other services to veterans. The Legion, through the VA&R Commission staff provides veteran representation on matters before the Board of Veterans Appeals and the several military boards for review of discharges or the correction of military records. VA&R Field Representatives make site visits to a number of VA medical care facilities annually to determine whether or not quality care is being provided veterans, and what needs to be done to make improvements.

Legion representatives in Washington work on a daily basis with the Department of Veterans Affairs, other federal agencies and the U.S. Congress to protect, defend and seek improvements in the various programs providing veterans benefits pursuant to mandates approved by the National Convention and the National Executive Committee. This past year, Legion representatives testified in Congress on such important issues as VA budget, improvements in the treatment of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Persian Gulf Conflict Education Act and reemployment rights, fee basis and contract hospitalization, homeless veterans, National Cemetery System, preventive health care programs, COLA and DIC reform, and other subjects.

The American Legion has worked diligently to achieve presumption of service connection for diseases relating to dioxin (Agent Orange) exposure for Vietnam veterans. To date, chloracne, and soft-tissue sarcoma have been presumed service-connected, based on Agent Orange exposure, and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma based on Vietnam service. Efforts continue to have other diseases included which The American Legion believes have a causal relationship to Agent Orange exposure.

The American Legion's Vietnam Veterans Family Assistance Program (VVFAP) has completed the development and implementation of its Phase Two outreach and referral network in eight additional states. Currently, 12 states provide outreach and referral network in eight additional states. Currently, 12 states provide outreach and referral services to families of Vietnam veterans, with emphasis placed on providing assistance to children with birth defects and other handicapping conditions. Family and individual counseling services and referral services are also provided to include a variety of other medical conditions and health-related problems. Efforts continue to develop additional state participation in the program and to expand the services provided by State Coordinators. The states currently in the VVFAP are Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, Oregon and Pennsylvania.

Expanding VA programs and services for the care and treatment of the aging veteran population have also been a major focus of the VA&R Commission. In addition, staff has been monitoring and participating in the activities of VA's Commission on the Future Structure of Veterans Health Care which is examining and will recommend changes and improvements to the VA health care system.

The American Legion has reinforced its efforts for repeal of the so-called "means test" used in the delivery of discretionary medical care. Also, a close watch is maintained on issues related to "third party reimbursement" for medical care in the VA system, particularly government efforts to expand the application of collections to service-connected veterans.

Six VA&R Commission-sponsored resolutions were passed during the May 1991 National Executive Committee meetings urging the restoration of certain veterans benefits which were eliminated by the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990.

The American Legion continues to work diligently in urging Congress and the Administration to adequately fund veterans medical care and research programs so as to eliminate the necessity to return to the Congress for supplemental funding to preclude diminution of VA health care services to the nation's veterans.



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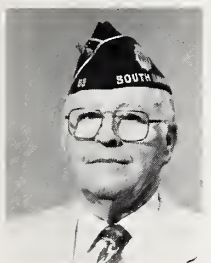
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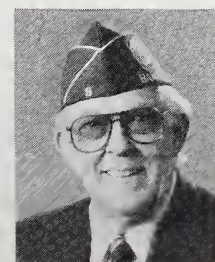
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Standing Rules of the National Convention

The following are the Standing Rules of the National Convention as contained in the "UNIFORM CODE OF PROCEDURE FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF NATIONAL CONVENTIONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION," authorized under Article V, Section 6, of the National Constitution of The American Legion.

STANDING RULES OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

1. Robert's Revised Rules of Order shall be the authority on parliamentary procedure, with the following modifications:
2. A delegate desiring to make a motion or address the Convention, shall rise, address the Chair as "Mr. Commander" and state his name and the name of the Department before proceeding.
3. Debate shall be limited to five minutes for each speaker.
4. Debate on any one subject presented to the Convention shall be limited to two hours except under such special rule as the Convention shall adopt prior to debate.
5. But two delegates from any one delegation shall be permitted the floor on any one question. Where disagreement exists within a delegation one delegate shall be permitted to speak on each side of the question. Upon a division of the question, however, this rule shall be applied separately for each division.
6. The floor shall be permitted but once to any individual delegate on any one question, except by a two-thirds vote of the Convention. Chairman of Convention Committees may speak as frequently as may be necessary in connection with the reports of their committees. The Presiding Officer shall not entertain any motion which will curtail further debate without affording the Committee Chairman an opportunity for rebuttal.
7. Decisions on Rules of Debate or parliamentary order by the Presiding Officer may be subject to appeal by any two delegates under a Point of Order. Such appeal shall take precedence over any pending questions and shall be decided forthwith. An appeal from the decision of the Chair shall be put to the Convention on the question: "Shall the Chair be sustained?"
8. When the poll of any Department Delegation is demanded by a delegate of such Department, the Convention Secretary shall poll the vote without discussion of the question being voted upon.
9. On the Roll Calls, the delegation Chairman shall poll his delegation on the floor and announce its vote.
10. In the event a delegation secretary is not an accredited delegate or alternate, he shall be seated with his delegation.
11. Past National Commanders' votes shall be cast with their delegations.
12. Only accredited delegates or their alternates, shall participate, directly or indirectly, in a viva voce vote on any subject before the Convention.
13. Department delegations may arrive at a vote in such manner as they choose, but shall announce it in the terms of full units and not in terms of a fractional part of a vote. The vote of any delegate absent and not represented by an alternate shall be cast by the majority of the delegates present from his Department.
14. There shall be no unit rule of voting.
15. Voting shall be by acclamation, except when a Roll Call is demanded by the Chairman of at least three Departments. Election of National Officers shall be by roll call.
16. In the event a Department has not provided the method by which alternates shall be designated to serve in the place of absent delegates, the Chairman of the delegation shall make such designation.
17. Prior to the election of National Officers, the National Commander shall appoint, subject to approval of the Convention, a Judge of Election and such number of tellers as he deems necessary, provided that the total tellers so appointed shall be an odd number. In a contested election each candidate going to the ballot shall be entitled to one teller of his choice.
18. Nominations for National Officers shall be from the floor on Roll Call of the Departments alphabetically arranged. Each Department may present as many candidates as it chooses.
19. Nominations speeches for National Officers shall be limited to five minutes each. Not more than two seconding speeches shall be made for any candidate, and said speeches shall be limited to three minutes.
20. When more than two candidates are nominated for any office, balloting shall continue until one candidate receives a majority of the votes of the Convention, except in the election of National Vice Commanders.

21. In a contested election for National Vice Commanders, balloting shall continue until (a) majorities and (b) pluralities are established for one or more candidates under the following provisions:

If, on any ballot taken, less than five candidates receive the necessary majority to elect, the candidate or candidates receiving a majority vote shall be declared elected and a new ballot shall be taken for the remaining number of places to be filled. The candidate receiving the lowest number of votes on the preceding ballot shall be disqualified; except should two candidates remain to fill one place, a new ballot shall be taken.

22. The Convention will nominate and elect a National Commander, and five National Vice Commanders, in this sequence.
23. At the conclusion of balloting on National Vice Commanders, each Department Delegation Chairman shall deliver a written ballot to the tellers. Such ballots shall be in the hands of the tellers before communication is made to the National Commander for announcement of the results.
24. Those recognized by the National Commander shall be entitled to a respectful hearing, and the Chair shall have the authority to clear the gallery or the floor or have the Sergeant-at-Arms escort from the Convention any one creating a disturbance or interfering with orderly procedure.
25. None of the above rules shall be construed as preventing an alternate delegate from serving on a Convention committee.
26. The consent of two-thirds of the voting strength of the Convention is necessary for suspension of the standing rules of the Convention.
27. Any amendment to any resolution or report originating on the floor shall be presented in writing and transmitted to the Presiding Officer at the time of the introduction of such amendment.
28. Special rules applying to specific issues or order of business shall be written and presented to the Convention by the Legislation and Rules Committee for adoption by majority vote at least one hour before such issue, or order, is to be considered unless such rule is agreed to by unanimous consent of the final session.

Special rules shall prevail only in the Convention adopting them.

Any delegate may apply for a special rule to the Legislation and Rules Committee or may appeal to the Convention for such special rule provided the rule be presented in writing, be read once from the platform, and shall lay upon the table at least one hour before the vote thereon is taken.

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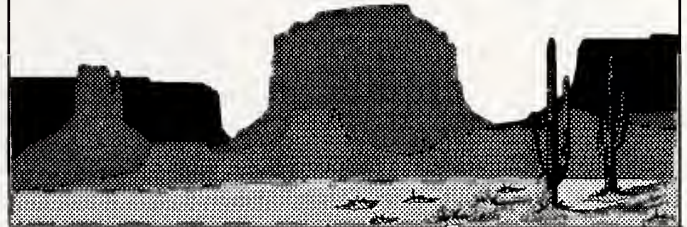
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4:00 PM

Traditional American Legion
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4:50 PM

Prize Drawings (must be
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5:00 PM

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**Frederick W. Galbraith, Jr.
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***John G. Emery
Michigan 1921

*Hanford MacNider
Iowa 1921-22

*Alvin M. Owsley
Texas 1922-23

*John R. Quinn
California 1923-24

*James A. Drain
District of Columbia 1924-25

*John R. McQuigg
Ohio 1925-26

*Howard P. Savage
Illinois 1926-27

*Edward E. Spafford
New York 1927-28

*Paul V. McNutt
Indiana 1928-29

*O. Lee Bodenhamer
Arkansas 1929-30

*Ralph T. O'Neil
Kansas 1930-31

*Henry L. Stevens, Jr.
North Carolina 1931-32

*Louis Johnson
West Virginia 1932-33

*Edward A. Hayes
Illinois 1933-34

*Frank N. Belgrano, Jr.
California 1934-35

*Ray Murphy
Iowa 1935-36

*Harry W. Colmery
Kansas 1936-37

*Daniel J. Doherty
Massachusetts 1937-38

*Stephen F. Chadwick
Washington 1938-39

*Raymond J. Kelly
Michigan 1939-40

*Milo J. Warner
Ohio 1940-41

*Lynn U. Stambaugh
North Dakota 1941-42

*Roane Waring
Tennessee 1942-43

*Warren H. Atherton
California 1943-44

*Edward N. Scheiberling
New York 1944-45

*John Stelle
Illinois 1945-46

*Paul H. Griffith
Pennsylvania 1946-47

*James F. O'Neil
New Hampshire 1947-48

*Perry Brown
Texas 1948-49

George N. Craig
Indiana 1949-50

Erie Cocke, Jr.
Georgia 1950-51

*Donald R. Wilson
West Virginia 1951-52

*Lewis K. Gough
California 1952-53

*Arthur J. Connell
Connecticut 1953-54

*Seaborn P. Collins
New Mexico 1954-55

J. Addington Wagner
Michigan 1955-56

*Dan Daniel
Virginia 1956-57

John S. Gleason, Jr.
Illinois 1957-58

Preston J. Moore
Oklahoma 1958-59

Martin B. McKneally
New York 1959-60

William R. Burke
California 1960-61

*Charles L. Bacon
Missouri 1961-62

*James E. Powers
Georgia 1962-63

Daniel F. Foley
Minnesota 1963-64

Donald E. Johnson
Iowa 1964-65

L. Eldon James
Virginia 1965-66

*John E. Davis
North Dakota 1966-67

William E. Galbraith
Nebraska 1967-68

*William C. Doyle
New Jersey 1968-69

J. Milton Patrick
Oklahoma 1969-70

Alfred P. Chamie
California 1970-71

John H. Geiger
Illinois 1971-72

Joe L. Matthews
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Maryland 1973-74

James M. Wagonseller
Ohio 1974-75

Harry G. Wiles
Kansas 1975-76

William J. Rogers
Maine 1976-77

Robert Charles Smith
Louisiana 1977-78

John M. Carey
Michigan 1978-79

Frank I. Hamilton
Indiana 1979-80

Michael J. Kogutek
New York 1980-81

Jack W. Flynt
Texas 1981-82

Al Keller, Jr.
Illinois 1982-83

Keith Kreul
Wisconsin 1983-84

Clarence M. Bacon
Maryland 1984-85

Dale L. Renaud
Iowa 1985-86

James P. Dean
Mississippi 1986-87

John P. "Jake" Comer
Massachusetts 1987-88

H.F. "Sparky" Gierke
North Dakota 1988-89

Miles S. Epling
West Virginia 1989-90

Past National Commanders By Vote Of National Convention

*Bennett Champ Clark
Missouri—Presided at Paris
Caucus—March, 1919

*Milton J. Foreman
Illinois—Chairman,
Executive Committee at Paris

*Henry D. Lindsley
Texas—Presided at St. Louis
Caucus—May 1919

*Theodore Roosevelt, Jr.
New York

*Eric Fisher Wood
Pennsylvania—Temporary
Chairman and Secretary at
Paris Caucus

*Thomas W. Miller
Nevada—Chairman Pro
Tempore
Paris Caucus March 1919

*Maurice Stember
New York

*Hamilton Fish, Sr.
New York 1979

E. Roy Stone, Jr.
South Carolina 1987

Honorary National Commanders

*General John J. Pershing
*Marshal Ferdinand Foch

*Deceased

**Killed in auto accident
while serving as
Commander

***Elected by Executive
Committee to fill unexpired
term.

Recipients of The American Legion Distinguished Service Medal

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| 1921—Marshal Ferdinand Foch of France | 1947—Lt. Gen. William S. Knudsen | 1967—Hon. Tom C. Clark |
| Adm. Earl Beatty of Great Britain | Sen. Edward Martin | 1968—President Lyndon B. Johnson |
| Gen. Baron Jacques of Belgium | Chief Justice Fred M. Vinson | Gen. William C. Westmoreland |
| Gen. Armando Diaz of Italy | 1949—President Harry S Truman | 1969—President Richard M. Nixon |
| Charles Bertrand of France | George Herman (Babe) Ruth* | 1970—Rep. Olin E. Teague |
| 1922—Gen. of the Armies John J. Pershing | Maj. Gen. Frank Parker* | 1971—Rep. L. Mendel Rivers* |
| 1923—Adm. Robert E. Coontz | 1950—Charles F. Johnson, Jr. | Sen. Richard B. Russell* |
| Gen. Josef Haller of Poland | Maj. Gen. Milton A. Reckord | 1972—Sen. John C. Stennis |
| 1926—Ignace Jan Paderewski of Poland | Rep. Edith Nourse Rogers | Dewitt Wallace |
| 1927—Comte Francois Marie Robert Dejean of France | 1951—Gen. Charles P. Summerall | 1974—Hon. Henry A. Kissinger |
| 1928—Field Marshal Viscount Allenby of Great Britain | 1953—Rep. Royal C. Johnson* | Rep. F. Edward Hebert |
| 1929—Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis | 1954—Maj. Gen. George A. White* | 1975—Harry W. Colmery |
| 1930—Adm. William S. Sims | 1955—Dr. Jonas E. Salk | 1976—Pat O'Brien |
| 1942—Gen. Douglas A. MacArthur | Maj. Gen. Ellard A. Walsh | 1977—Howard A. Rusk, M.D. |
| 1943—Gen. George C. Marshall | 1956—Vice Adm. Joel T. Boone | 1978—Bowie K. Kuhn |
| Adm. Ernest J. King | Charles Stewart Mott | 1979—Thomas A. Murphy |
| 1944—Hon. Frank Knox* | 1957—Gen. Mark W. Clark | 1980—President Gerald R. Ford |
| Henry Ford | The Most Reverend Fulton J. Sheen | Dead & Missing of the Vietnam War |
| Gen. H.H. Arnold | 1958—Bernard Mannes Baruch | 1981—Americans Space Shuttle Astronauts John Young and Robert Crippen |
| 1945—President Franklin D. Roosevelt* | Unknown Servicemen of World War I, World War II, and Korea, Interred at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Arlington National Cemetery | 1982—President Ronald W. Reagan |
| 1945—Gen. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr.* | 1959—Sen. Robert S. Kerr | 1983—Adm. Hyman C. Rickover |
| Ernest (Ernie) Pyle* | 1961—President John F. Kennedy | 1984—Sen. J. Strom Thurmond |
| Hon. Henry L. Stimson | 1962—Gen. Lucius D. Clay | 1985—Hon. Caspar W. Weinberger |
| Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz | Dr. Thomas A. Dooley* | Fleet Adm. William F. Halsey, Jr.* |
| Gen. of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower | 1963—Francis Cardinal Spellman | 1987—Hon. William H. Webster |
| 1946—J. Edgar Hoover | 1964—Dr. Charles W. Mayo | 1988—Douglas Edwards |
| Bob Hope | 1965—President Herbert C. Hoover* | 1989—Hon. Howard H. Baker, Jr. |
| William Randolph Hearst | Hon. James F. Byrnes | 1990—Michael E. DeBakey, M.D. |
| Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey | 1966—Capt. Roger H. C. Donlon | |
| Hon. Cordell Hull | | |

*Awarded Posthumously

The American Legion Salutes Outstanding Students at Military Academies, 1991



At the U.S. Military Academy, Cadet Desrae B. Broderick receives The American Legion's award for outstanding achievement in chemistry. The award was presented by National Vice Commander Harry F. McDowell of Florida.



Graduating Midshipman First Class Stephen Francis Murphy of Baltimore, Maryland, who stood highest at the Naval Academy in political science courses with emphasis on international relations received the award from The American Legion. The award was presented by National Vice Commander Lewis L. Adams of Nebraska.



The American Legion's award for excellence in athletics was presented to Cadet Edward St. Pierre. The award was presented by National Vice Commander George E. Sampson of New Jersey during the Awards Ceremony held at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.



Senior Cadet James P. Dutton, Jr., of Eugene, Oregon received The American Legion's General Muir S. Fairchild award. This award is presented to the cadet who achieved the highest scholastically. Cadet Dutton maintained a 3.99 grade point average. The award was presented by National Vice Commander Fred M. Ingellis of Mississippi.

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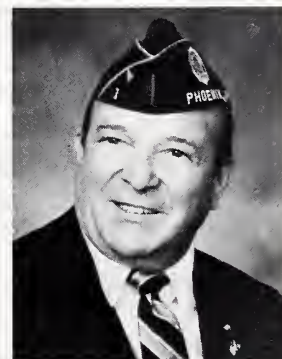
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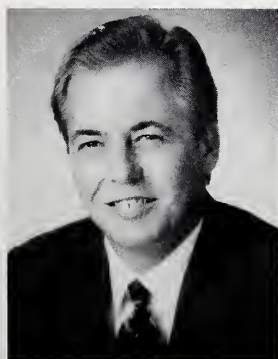
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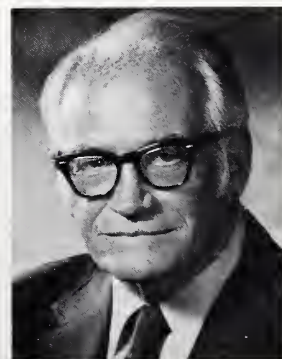
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Valley of the Sun Beckons Legionnaires

Sunshine, blue skies, striking sunsets, and spectacular desert landscape scenery await delegates and their families to the 73rd annual National Convention of The American Legion, Aug. 30 to Sept. 5, in this sparkling jewel of a city situated in the Valley of the Sun.

The 73rd National Convention will find three outdoor events combined in to one gigantic indoor program. Plans are being developed for a Legion Fest '91 in the Veterans Memorial Coliseum.

The event will include elements of the Patriotic Memorial Service, the National Convention Parade, and the National Convention Festival. Legion Fest '91 is set for 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 1, with patriotism, pride, and pageantry featured in an exciting entertainment format. Legion Fest '91 promises to be a must-go event on the busy convention related agenda.

Phoenix is a vacation destination more and more families discover every year. The area offers a unique combination of climate, culture, and natural scenery which is surprising to most first time visitors.

One of the first questions raised when people consider visiting Phoenix concerns the temperature. Records

show the average maximum daytime high in September is 98.4 with the evenings cooling to a pleasant 69.1 degrees. Packing for such a destination calls for short sleeve shirts in the daytime and light jackets or sweater for evenings outside.

As with most vacation destinations, sightseeing is a top pastime. Notable archeological attractions include Montezuma Castle, Tuzigoot National Park, Pueblo Grande, and Casa Grande ruins which trace the history and lives of Arizona's earliest inhabitants. For those with automobiles, within a 4-hour drive of Phoenix are some of the most popular desert attractions which include the Petrified Forest, the Painted Desert, the Red Rocks of Sedona and the Grand Canyon.

Keeping in mind travelers' budgets, Phoenix includes several interesting attractions for the family with admission fees of \$5 or less for adults. Among the sights are the following:

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The Arizona State Capitol Museum

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The Champlin Fighter Museum depicting the evolution of fighter aircraft with a special tribute to the pilots.

The Arizona Museum for Youth providing innovative exhibits delightfully displayed to involve young people of all ages.

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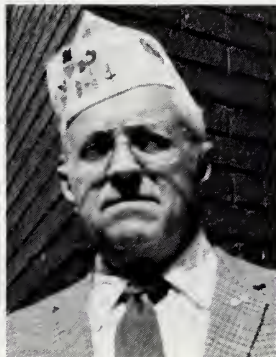
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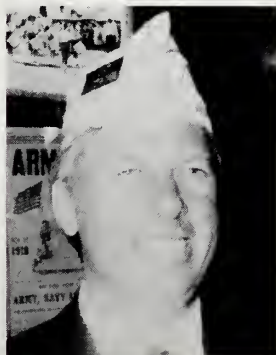
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Convention Session — Exhibit Hall A
Phoenix Civic Plaza
Phoenix, Arizona

“AMERICA, WE REMEMBER”

Saturday, August 31, 1991

National Executive Committee Meeting

8:00-9:00 a.m. Apache A & B

Sheraton Phoenix Hotel

Pre-Convention Committee Meetings

9:30-11:30 a.m. (unless times noted below)

Group A	Americanism Foreign Relations Music National Security Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution	Grand Ballroom North Sheraton Phoenix Hotel, Third Floor
Group B	Children & Youth Liaison with Child Welfare Foundation Education Girls State	Grand Ballroom South Sheraton Phoenix Hotel, Third Floor
Group C	Junior Activities Auxiliary Emergency Fund Cavalcade of Memories Public Relations	Navajo A Sheraton Phoenix Hotel, Second Floor
Group D	Legislative Past Presidents Parley Poppy Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation	Hopi A & B Sheraton Phoenix Hotel, Second Floor
Group E	Chaplains Community Service Historians	Gila Room Sheraton Phoenix Hotel, Lower Lobby
Group F	Constitution & Bylaws Leadership Permanent Organization Rules	Apache A & B Sheraton Phoenix Hotel, Second Floor
Group G	Membership	Pima Room Sheraton Phoenix Hotel, Lower Lobby
Group H	Credentials 9:30-10:00 a.m.	Navajo B Sheraton Phoenix Hotel, Second Floor
Group I	Resolutions 10:00-11:30 a.m.	Havasupai Sheraton Phoenix Hotel, Lower Lobby
Group J	Finance	Maricopa Sheraton Phoenix Hotel, Lower Lobby

12:00-1:00 p.m.	National Junior Registration	Outside Hopi A & B Sheraton Phoenix Hotel, Second Floor
1:00-4:30 p.m.	National Junior Meeting	Hopi A & B Sheraton Phoenix Hotel, Second Floor
2:00-4:00 p.m.	Pages Rehearsal	Exhibit Hall A Phoenix Civic Plaza
7:00-9:00 p.m.	National Junior Meeting	Hopi A & B Sheraton Phoenix Hotel, Second Floor

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Sunday, September 1, 1991

8:30-11:00 a.m. Division Caucuses:

Central	Grand Ballroom North Sheraton Phoenix Hotel Third Floor
Eastern	Grand Ballroom South Sheraton Phoenix Hotel Third Floor
Northwestern	Apache A & B Sheraton Phoenix Hotel Second Floor
Southern	Pueblo Room Sheraton Phoenix Hotel Lobby Floor
Western	Navajo A & B Sheraton Phoenix Hotel Second Floor

9:00-10:00 a.m.	National Junior Division Caucuses	
	Central	Mohave B Sheraton Phoenix Hotel Lower Lobby
	Eastern	Mohave A Sheraton Phoenix Hotel Lower Lobby
	Northwestern	Papago Sheraton Phoenix Hotel Lower Lobby
	Southern	Hopi A & B Sheraton Phoenix Hotel Second Floor
	Western	Navajo C Sheraton Phoenix Hotel Second Floor
10:15-12:00 noon	National Junior Meeting	Hopi A & B Sheraton Phoenix Hotel Second Floor
3:00-6:00 p.m.	Freedom Fest Celebration The American Spirit — 1941-1991	Memorial Coliseum

Monday, September 2, 1991
Opening Session — 71st National Convention
8:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Martha Barron
National Convention Chairman

OPENING PROCESSIONAL

INVOCATION

Mrs. Arthurene Reed
National Chaplain

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Ann Blalock
National Americanism Chairman

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Mrs. Opal Stokes
National Music Chairman

PREAMBLE TO THE CONSTITUTION

Mrs. Phyllis Bachman
National Constitution & Bylaws Chairman

WELCOME

Mrs. Ruby Paul
National President

INTRODUCTIONS AND GREETINGS

The American Legion

Dr. Charles L. Vawter, Jr.
President, The American Legion Convention
Corporation of Arizona

Mr. Robert S. Turner
National Commander

Mr. Robert W. Spanogle
National Adjutant

State of Arizona

The Honorable Fife Symington
Governor of Arizona

City of Phoenix

The Honorable Paul Johnson
Mayor of Phoenix

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

David Okerlund

“Obtaining Altitude Through Attitude”

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Mrs. E. Lou Fairchild
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Mrs. Martha Barron
National Convention Chairman

Miss Kristen Bauer
Honorary National Junior President

GREETINGS FROM THE PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENTS

Mrs. Betty Calder, Junior Past National President

INTRODUCTION OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S PAGES

Mrs. Corky Bradshaw, National Chairman of Pages
Mrs. Melva Kitchen, National Vice Chairman of Pages
Mrs. Arylce Smith, Personal Page
Miss Shalisa Nau, Personal Page
Mrs. Lois Minnich, Personal Page
Mrs. Helen Klimek, Personal Page

REPORT OF CONVENTION COMMITTEES

Credentials
Permanent Organization
Rules

Mrs. Lynne Wild
Mrs. Kay Jones
Mrs. Betty Haley

NATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Girls State

Mrs. Jeanette Ghetti, Chairman
1991 Girls Nation President
Linell Bartholic

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RECESS - 12:00 noon

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National Officers Candidates' Reception
7:00-9:00 p.m.
Grand Ballroom, Sheraton Phoenix Hotel

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Tuesday, September 3, 1991
8:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Ruby Paul
National President

INVOCATION

Mrs. Arthurene Reed
National Chaplain

NOMINATION OF 1991-92 NATIONAL OFFICERS

REPORTS OF NATIONAL OFFICERS

National Secretary
National Treasurer
National Chaplain
National Historian

Mrs. Miriam Junge
Mrs. Peggy Sappenfield
Mrs. Arthurene Reed
Mrs. Ella M. Dokken

First Reading of Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

"America, We Remember"

Americanism
Bicentennial to the U.S. Constitution
Music
National Security

Mrs. Ann Blalock, Chairman
Mrs. Adelene Smith, Chairman
Mrs. Opal Stokes, Chairman
Mrs. Elsie Bailey, Chairman

"America, We Remember Our Youth"

Children and Youth
Liaison with Child Welfare Foundation
Education
Junior Activities

Mrs. Helen Holcomb, Chairman
Mrs. Alice Galka, Chairman
Mrs. Martha Daggy, Chairman
Mrs. Virginia Powers, Chairman

"America, We Remember Our Communities"

Auxiliary Emergency Fund
Community Service
Foreign Relations
Leadership
Membership

Mrs. Mary Ellen Hearn, Chairman
Mrs. Marg Dorn, Chairman
Mrs. Linda Newsome, Chairman
Mrs. Syble Deshotel, Chairman
Mrs. Arlyce Smith, Chairman

RECESS — 11:30 a.m.

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11:45 a.m.

PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENTS' LUNCHEON
Ballroom
Phoenix Civic Plaza
Woman of the Year Award Recipient
ERMA BOMBECK

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1:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Ruby Paul, National President

NATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Relations

Mrs. Jeri Greenwell, Chairman

"HEART OF AMERICA AWARDS"

GREETINGS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

NATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

"America, We Remember Our Veterans and Their Families"

Legislative
Poppy
Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitations
Past Presidents Parley

Mrs. Kristine West, Chairman
Miss Elizabeth Stewart, Chairman
Ms. Linda Boone, Chairman
Mrs. Betty Calder, Chairman

MEMORIAL SERVICE

RECESS - 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 4, 1991
8:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Ruby Paul, National President

INVOCATION

Mrs. Arthurene Reed, National Chaplain

ELECTION OF 1991-1992 NATIONAL OFFICERS

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REPORT OF THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT
Mrs. Ruby Paul

NATIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

"America — Our Past, Present and Future"

Cavalcade of Memories
Finance
Constitution and Bylaws

Mrs. Melisse Jean McKay, Chairman
Mrs. Anna Gear, Chairman
Mrs. Phyllis Bachman, Chairman

INTRODUCTION OF LOCAL CONVENTION COMMITTEES

RECESS — 11:30 a.m.

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1:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Ruby Paul, National President

GUEST SPEAKER

J.N. "Chris" Christianson
"You Can't Lead a Cavalry Charge If You Think You
Look Funny Sitting on a Horse"

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Reva Laughlin, Chairman
Mrs. Beverly Huston, Vice Chairman
Mrs. Corinne Krogh, Secretary

RECESS — 4:00 p.m.

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STATES DINNER — 7:30 p.m.
Ballroom — Plaza South
Phoenix Civic Plaza

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Thursday, September 5, 1991
8:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Ruby Paul, National President

INSTALLATION OF 1991-1992 NATIONAL OFFICERS

PRESENTATION OF PIN AND RIBBON TO RETIRING NATIONAL PRESIDENT

PRESENTATION OF COLORS TO RETIRING NATIONAL PRESIDENT

RETIREMENT OF NATIONAL COLORS

ADJOURNMENT OF THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

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POST-CONVENTION NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
(Immediately following Convention Adjournment)
Prescott 6-7
Phoenix Civic Plaza

OFFICE ASSIGNMENTS

National Secretary	Phoenix Civic Plaza, Flagstaff Room #5
National Treasurer	Phoenix Civic Plaza, Flagstaff Room #2
National Convention Chairman	Phoenix Civic Plaza, Flagstaff Room #3
Public Relations	Phoenix Civic Plaza, Flagstaff Room #4
First Aid	Exhibit Hall B
Lost & Found	Prescott #9
Mail Room	Prescott #9

NATIONAL CONVENTION COMMITTEES

Honorary Convention Chairman Maxine Chilton

Local Convention Chairman Martha Barron

National Convention Vice Chairman Kay Oberle

National Convention Secretary Mary Dunn

Auxiliary Sales Lola Dunbar, Chairman Yvonne Grainger, Vice Chairman

Courtesies LaVerne Rowe, Chairman Delories Hopkins, Vice Chairman

Distinguished Guests Armida Silva, Chairman Nell Burt, Vice Chairman

First Aid Estella Twomey, Chairman Carmelita Staker, Vice Chairman

Flag Registration Helen Bone, Chairman Mira Bailey, Vice Chairman

Flowers & Corsages Patricia Koshewer, Chairman Gladys Kirk, Vice Chairman

Halls and Stage Velma Henson, Chairman Lou Fairchild, Vice Chairman

Local Pages Melva Kitchen, Chairman Bobbie Aplin, Vice Chairman

Lost and Found Marge Lynn, Chairman Mildred Ybarra, Vice Chairman

Mail Room Sharon Alley, Chairman Penny Maklary, Vice Chairman

National President's Luncheon Adelene Smith, Chairman Ann Roden, Vice Chairman

Past Department Presidents' Luncheon Katie Swigunski, Chairman Eva Santos, Vice Chairman

Public Relations Marty VanToll, Chairman Betty Yates, Vice Chairman

States Dinner Naomi Speth, Chairman Monica Jarvis, Vice Chairman

Transportation Josephine Lant, Chairman LaVan Erickson, Vice Chairman

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Mrs. Elsie Hemphill
Le Chapeau National

Sheraton Phoenix
Phoenix, Arizona
September 5, 6, 7, 1991

Official Program National Officers



Mrs. Helen Moore
La Secretaire-Caissiere Nationale

Registration

Saturday, August 31, 1991	National Secretaire's Suite	10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Monday, September 2, 1991	Hopi A and Hopi B	10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Tuesday, September 3, 1991	Hopi A and Hopi B	10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Wednesday, September 4, 1991	Hopi A and Hopi B	10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Thursday, September 5, 1991	Hopi A and Hopi B	10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

(Guest registration will also be accepted during these hours)

Thursday, September 6, 1991

Pre-Marche Pouvoir	NORTH BALLROOM	4:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.
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Pre-Marche Committee Meetings

APACHE A and B		
Children & Youth — Chairman, Venita Holthaus		2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
NAVAJO A		
Nurses Scholarship — Chairman, Mary Jane Cusick		2:00 P.M. to 2:45 P.M.
Trophies & Awards — Chairman, Elizabeth Lori		2:45 P.M. to 3:15 P.M.
Partnership — Chairman, Reina Svacha		3:15 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
NAVAJO B		
Permanent Organization — Chairman, Margaret Manley		2:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.
Credentials — Chairman, Thelma Gardner		2:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.
Rules and Order — Chairman, Iverna Christoffers		3:00 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.
Ritual & Emblems — Chairman, Pauline Hauber		3:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
NAVAJO C		
Constitution & Bylaws — Chairman, Edith Still		2:00 P.M. to 2:45 P.M.
Handbook Review — Chairman, Eunice Staley		2:45 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.
Publicity — Chairman, Wanda North		3:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.
NAVAJO D		
Resolutions — Chairman, Nan Genta		2:00 P.M. to 2:45 P.M.
L'Aumonier — Virginia Kates		2:45 P.M. to 3:15 P.M.
L'Archiviste — Colleen Stephens		3:15 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Emblem Sales Hopi A — B

Emblem Sales will be open in Hopi A - B, on the second floor at the top of the escalator, beginning Monday, September 2, 1991 from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. through Friday, September 7, 1991. Emblems and all forms will be on display and an order form available. It is suggested that all orders be paid for by check.

Rehearsal Les Marchals and Pages

Rehearsal for La Concierge Nationale, Les Marchals, Chairman of Pages, ALL PAGES, and Distinguished Guest Committee will be on Thursday evening, September 5, 1991 in the North Ballroom, third floor, at 6 p.m.

Meet the Candidates Reception

Thursday, September 5, 1991 SOUTH BALLROOM 7:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.

Friday, September 6, 1991

DIVISIONAL CAUCUS BREAKFASTS

Central Division	Apache A & B	7:00 A.M.
Eastern Division	Navajo A	7:00 A.M.
Southern Division	Navajo B	7:00 A.M.
Northwestern Division	Navajo C	7:00 A.M.
Western Division	Navajo D	7:00 A.M.

La Marche Nationale North Ballroom

Opening Session Friday, September 6, 1991 9:00 A.M.

LA MARCHE CHAIRMAN

Presiding Mrs. Ofelia Soza

PRESENTATION OF CHAPEAUX NATIONAUX PASSES

Mrs. Lila Edwards	Mrs. Violet Aichholz
Mrs. Frances Keefe	Mrs. Mary Russell
Mrs. Jeannette Michelet	Mrs. Eunice Staley
Mrs. Virginia DeForce	Mrs. Elyline Schweitzer
Miss Dorothy Dolle	Mrs. Helene Mardu
Mrs. Ann Suvak	Mrs. Kathleen Robinson
Mrs. Lella Hunt	Mrs. Jean Hayes
Mrs. Lois Lansdale	Mrs. Kitty Patterson
Mrs. Marie Smith	Mrs. Edith Still
Mrs. Treva Reimink	Mrs. Donna Baley
Mrs. Maxine Martin	

PRESENTATION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS —

ESCORTED BY LA MARCHE PAGES

Hot Box Editor	Mrs. Pauline Bonham
L'Avocate Nationale	Mrs. Frances Keefe
L'Archiviste Nationale	Mrs. Colleen Stephens
L'Aumonier Nationale	Mrs. Virginia Kates
La Secretaire-Caissiere Nationale	Mrs. Helen Moore
Le Demi Chapeau National	Mrs. Dorothy Brady

LES DIVISIONAL DEMI CHAPEAUX

Central Division	Mrs. Devona Moran
Eastern Division	Mrs. Ruth Hodges
Northwestern Division	Mrs. Mary Green
Southern Division	Mrs. Trixie Hudson
Western Division	Mrs. Eva Aulston

CALL TO ORDER Mrs. Elsie Hemphill
Le Chapeau National

ADVANCE OF COLORS La Concierge Nationale and
Les Marchals

INVOCATION Mrs. Virginia Kates
L'Aumonier National

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
TO THE FLAG Mrs. Millie Harrold
La Concierge Nationale

NATIONAL ANTHEM Mrs. Phyllis H. Hardin
La Musiciene

FLANDER'S FIELD Mrs. Mary Green
Northwestern Division Demi Chapeau

AMERICA'S ANSWER Mrs. Devona Moran
Central Division Demi Chapeau

ROLL CALL Mrs. Helen Moore
La Secretaire-Caissiere Nationale

READING OF THE CALL TO 1991
LA MARCHE NATIONALE Mrs. Helen Moore
La Secretaire-Caissiere Nationale

REPORT OF THE MINUTES COMMITTEE
FOR 1990 MARCHE Mrs. Jean Hayes, Chairman
Mrs. Lella Hunt
Mrs. Elyline Schweitzer

PRESENTATION AND

GREETINGS Mrs. Helene Mardu,
Distinguished Guest Chairman
Escorted by Chapeaux Nationaux Passes:
Mrs. Treva Reimink; Mrs. Marie Smith
and Mrs. Kitty Patterson

Mr. Robert S. Turner, *National Commander*,
The American Legion
Mrs. Ruby Paul, *National President*,
American Legion Auxiliary
Mrs. Margaret Yankovich, *National Vice President*,
American Legion Auxiliary
Mrs. Miriam Junge, *National Secretary*,
American Legion Auxiliary
Mr. Robert Spanogle, *National Adjutant*,
The American Legion
Mrs. Peggy Sappenfield, *National Treasurer*,
American Legion Auxiliary
Mrs. Helen Holcomb, *National Children and Youth*
Chairman, American Legion Auxiliary
Mr. Eugene V. Lindquist, *National Children and Youth*
Chairman, The American Legion
Mrs. Ofelia Soza, *National Chairman*,
La Marche Nationale, Eight and Forty
Mrs. Martha Barron, *National Convention Chairman*,
American Legion Auxiliary
The Honorable Fife Symington, *Governor of Arizona*
The Honorable Paul Johnson, *Mayor*,
City of Phoenix, Arizona
Mr. Nils Nilsen, *Department Commander*,
The American Legion, Department of Arizona
Mrs. Emma Lou Fairchild, *Department President*,
American Legion Auxiliary
Mrs. Sharon Alley, *Le Chapeau*,
Departemental d'Arizona
Dr. Charles L. Vawter, *President*,
1991 National Convention Corporation
The American Legion

INTRODUCTION OF CHAPEAUX

NATIONAUX PASSES Mrs. Elsie Hemphill,
Le Chapeau National

SPEAKING FOR THE CHAPEAUX

NATIONAUX PASSES Mrs. Donna Baley
Immediate Chapeau National Passe

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Rules and Order Mrs. Iverna Christoffers
Chairman
Permanent Organization Mrs. Margaret Manley
Chairman

REPORT OF DIVISIONAL DEMI CHAPEAUX

NATIONAUX AND INTRODUCTION OF LES CHAPEAUX DEPARTEMENTAUX

Mrs. Devona Moran Central Division Demi Chapeau
Mrs. Ruth Hodges Western Division Demi Chapeau
Mrs. Mary Green .. Northwestern Division Demi Chapeau
Mrs. Trixie Hudson Southern Division Demi Chapeau
Mrs. Eva Aulston Western Division Demi Chapeau

REPORT OF THE 1991-1992

NATIONAL OFFICERS

Mrs. Elsie Hemphill Le Chapeau National
Mrs. Dorothy Brady Le Demi Chapeau National
Mrs. Helen Moore La Secretaire-Caissiere Nationale
Mrs. Colleen Stephens L'Archiviste Nationale
Mrs. Virginia Kates L'Aumonier National
Mrs. Frances Keefe L'Avocate Nationale
Mrs. Pauline Bonham Hat Box Editor

NOMINATION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS

FOR 1991-1992

RECESS 12:00 Noon

Second Session La Marche Nationale Friday, September 7, 1991 — 1:30 P.M.

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL ASSEMBLY

PRESENTATION OF LOCAL MARCHE COMMITTEES Mrs. Ofelia Soza, Chairman

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE AND INTRODUCTION OF REGIONAL OR DIVISIONAL CHAIRMEN:

Children and Youth Mrs. Venita Holthaus, Chairman

SPEAKER — National Jewish Center for Immunology and Respiratory Medicine Mrs. Carolyn Samuelson,
Eight and Forty Coordinator

Constitution & Bylaws Mrs. Edith Still, Chairman

Finance Mrs. Jean Hayes, Chairman

Nurses Scholarship Mrs. Mary Jane Cusick, Chairman

Partnership Mrs. Reina Svacha, Chairman

Rituals & Emblems Mrs. Pauline Hauber, Chairman

Trophies & Awards Mrs. Elizabeth Lori, Chairman

Advisory Committee Mrs. Elyline Schweitzer, Chairman

Handbook Committee Mrs. Eunice Staley, Chairman

Publicity Committee Mrs. Wanda North, Chairman

National Photo Book Mrs. Marguerite Rice, Chairman

National Memory Book Mrs. Alene Hamm, Chairman

RECESS

**Third Session — La Marche Nationale
Saturday, September 7, 1991 — 9:00 A.M.**

Memorial Service

In Memoriam	L'Aumonier National, Presiding Mrs. Virginia Kates
Prelude	Miss Rose Marie Loparco, Pianiste
Processional	Les Chapeaux Nationaux Passes Les Demi Chapeaux-Divisional Le Chapeau National
Prayer	Mrs. Virginia Kates, L'Aumonier National
Solo "Beyond the Sunset"	Mrs. Jeanne Brandt, Soliste
Tribute to All Deceased Partners	Mrs. Elsie Hemphill, Le Chapeau National
Eulogy in Memory of:	
Miss Julia V. Mullan, Chapeau National Passe	
Mrs. Elsie Gleason, Chapeau National Passe	
Mrs. Freda S. Kehm, Chapeau National Passe	
Testimonial for all Partners entering Eternal Rest — 1990-91	
Eastern Division	Mrs. Ruth Hodges, Les Demi Chapeau
Central Division	Mrs. Devona Moran, Les Demi Chapeau
Northwestern Division	Mrs. Mary Green, Les Demi Chapeau
Southern Division	Mrs. Trixie Hudson, Les Demi Chapeau
Western Division	Mrs. Eva Aulston, Les Demi Chapeau
RESPONSE	Mrs. Virginia Kates, L'Aumonier National
Solo "On Eagles' Wings"	Mrs. Jeanne Brandt, Soliste
Prayer	All Partners in Unison
BENEDICTION	Mrs. Virginia Kates, L'Aumonier National
RECESSIONAL	Miss Rose Marie Loparco, Pianiste
(Audience remain in seats until after processional)	
REPORT OF SPECIAL MARCHE COMMITTEES	
Credentials	Mrs. Thelma Gardner, Chairman
Resolutions	Mrs. Nan Genta, Chairman
EIGHT AND FORTY SONG	
ELECTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS FOR 1991-1992	
PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED GUEST COMMITTEE	
PRESENTATION OF LES MARCHALS	Mrs. Elaine Stevens, Oregon Mrs. Betty Lehman, Washington
PRESENTATION OF NATIONAL PAGES:	
Chairman, Mrs. Martha Marsh, Ohio	
Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Mabel Schultz, Illinois	
Mrs. Martha Arendas, Pennsylvania	
Mrs. Ann Boetsch, California	
Mrs. Frances Bumila, Massachusetts	
Mrs. Lucille Gibbs, Michigan	
Mrs. Ronnie Johnson, New Jersey	
Mrs. Eva Kirk, Arkansas	
Mrs. Donna Morrice, Maryland	
Mrs. Charlein Schwab, Colorado	
Mrs. Helen Steiner, Florida	
Mrs. Betty Snyder, Nebraska	
PRESENTATION OF NATIONAL PAGES TO LE CHAPEAU NATIONAL	Miss Agness Crawford, Kansas Mrs. Geraldine Hobble, Kansas Mrs. Mary Plank, Kansas
Personal Pages To Le Secretaire-Caissiere Nationale	Mrs. Marilyn Oakley, Indiana Miss Dorothy Ann Stephens, Indiana
Ratification of Elections of Les Divisional Demi Chapeaux Nationaux	
Introduction of Les Demi Chapeaux and Pinning of Les Demi Chapeau Nationaux	
Report of Judge of Elections	Mrs. Laura Freeman, Connecticut
Presentation of Newly Elected Officers For 1991-1992	
Unfinished Business	
"Bless Be The Tie That Binds"	Assembly
RECESS	

Post Marche Pouvoir

Saturday September 7, 1991

(Immediately following close of morning session in North Ballroom)

School of Instructions — Apache A and B, 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. Mrs. Helen Moore
La Secretaire-Caissiere Nationale

Installation Banquet

(Cash Bar in Foyer outside South Ballroom) 6:00 to 7:00 P.M.
LA MARCHÉ BANQUET South Ballroom 7:00 to 9:30 P.M.
Processional of Guests Mrs. Betty Yates, Banquet Chairman
Invocation Mrs. Virginia Kates, L'Aumonier National
Pledge of Allegiance Mrs. Mille Harrold, La Concierge Nationale
National Anthem Assembly
Welcome Mrs. Ofelia Soza, National La Marche Chairman
Response Mrs. Dorothy Brady, Le Demi Chapeau National
ENTERTAINMENT
Installation of Officers 1991-1992 Mrs. Violet Aichholz, Chapeau National Passe
Presentation of Le Chapeau National Passe Pin Mrs. Elyline Schweitzer, Chapeau National Passe
Benediction Mrs. Frances Keefe, Chapeau National Passe
Retirement of Colors
Adjournment of La Marche National 1991
Receiving Line for 1991-92 Officers

Special Marche Committees

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS:

Mrs. Helen Mardu, Chairman, Connecticut
Mrs. Treva Reimink, Oklahoma
Mrs. Marie Smith, Pennsylvania
Mrs. Kitty Patterson, Louisiana

CREDENTIALS:

Mrs. Thelma Gardner, Chairman, Colorado
Mrs. Ruth Dalgren, Wyoming
Mrs. Bernice Trickey, Montana

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION:

Mrs. Margaret Manley, Chairman, New Hampshire
Mrs. Amy Lou Robbins, Texas
Mrs. Geraldine Connolly, Nevada

RULES & ORDER:

Mrs. Iverna Christoffers, Chairman, Maryland
Mrs. Ella Alexander, Kansas
Mrs. Emma Wagner, Virginia

RESOLUTIONS:

Mrs. Nan Genta, Chairman, New Mexico
Mrs. Edith Ward, Missouri
Mrs. Virginia Shambo, Vermont

LES MARCHALS:

Mrs. Elaine Stevens, Oregon
Mrs. Betty Lehman, Washington

NATIONAL PAGES:

Mrs. Martha March, Chairman, Ohio
Mrs. Mabel Schultz, Vice Chairman, Illinois
Mrs. Martha Arendas, Pennsylvania
Mrs. Ann Boetsch, California
Mrs. Frances Bumila, Massachusetts
Mrs. Lucille Gibbs, Michigan
Mrs. Ronnie Johnson, New Jersey
Mrs. Eva Kirk, Arkansas
Mrs. Donna Morrice, Missouri
Mrs. Charlein Schwab, Colorado
Mrs. Helen Steiner, Florida
Mrs. Betty Snyder, Nebraska

PERSONAL PAGES TO LE CHAPEAU NATIONAL

Miss Agness Crawford, Kansas
Mrs. Geraldine Hobbie, Kansas
Mrs. Mary Plank, Kansas

PERSONAL PAGES TO LA SECRETAIRE-CAISSIERE NATIONALE:

Mrs. Marilyn Oakley, Indiana
Miss Dorothy Ann Stephens, Indiana

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE:

Mrs. Billie Martin Davis, Chairman, Oregon
Mrs. Martha Taylor, Vice Chairman, Indiana
Mrs. Peggy McKeeman, Indiana
Mrs. Louise Loyd, Indiana
Mrs. Beverly Stites, Indiana
Mrs. Karen Lowe, Indiana

EMBLEM DIVISION COMMITTEE:

Mrs. Dorothy Vess, Indiana
Mrs. Betty Rentfrow, Indiana
Mrs. Betty Beaty, Indiana
Mrs. Lavelle Black, Indiana

CANDIDATE'S RECEPTION:

Mrs. Donna Baley, Junior Chapeau National Passe, Michigan

JUDGE OF ELECTIONS:

Mrs. Laura Freeman, Connecticut

TELLERS:

Mrs. Ruth Rankin, Illinois
Mrs. Louise Bridgett, Oklahoma
Mrs. Jean Nelson, South Dakota
Mrs. Jan Cook, Kansas

Local Committees

LA MARCHÉ NATIONAL CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Ofelia Soza

LA MARCHÉ NATIONAL HONORARY CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Sharon Alley

LA MARCHÉ NATIONALE VICE CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Betty Yates

LA MARCHÉ NATIONAL SECRETAIRE-CAISSIERE

Mrs. Melva Kitchen

BANQUET CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Betty Yates
Vice Chairman, Mrs. Martha Van Toll

HALLS & SEATING CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Centennial Stewart
Vice Chairman, Ms. Connie Hernandez

FIRST AID CHAIRMAN

Ms. Lauretta Trussell

DECORATIONS & FAVORS

Mrs. Lola Dunbar

ENTERTAINMENT CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Estella Twomey

DISPLAYS CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Lorena Anderson

TRANSPORTATION CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Ethel Hanko

COORDINATOR OF CANDIDATES RECEPTION

Mrs. Gladys Kirk

PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN

Mrs. Betty Smith

COORDINATORS FOR DIVISIONAL

BREAKFASTS

Central Division	Mrs. Delores Schepp
Eastern Division	Mrs. Helen Bone
Northwestern Division	Mrs. Paula Burgess
Southern Division	Mrs. Virginia Gonzales
Western Division	Mrs. Leona Proper

L'AIDE TO L'CHAPEAU NATIONAL

Mrs. Emma Lou Fairchild
Mrs. Pamela Way

L'AIDE TO L'AUMONIER NATIONAL

Mrs. Armida Silva

L'AIDE TO SECRETAIRE-CAISSIERE NATIONALE

Mrs. Mildred Ybarra

Sons of The American Legion



Robert A. Worrel
National Commander



Woodrow L. Mudge, Jr.
National Adjutant

Agenda 20th Annual National Convention Phoenix, Arizona

National Vice Commander
(East) Christopher R. Fattal, Jr. (NJ)
National Vice Commander
(South) Robert G. Smith (VA)
National Vice Commander
(Central) Steven D. Bilderback (MN)
National Vice Commander
(Midwest) John A. Mokler (WY)
National Vice Commander
(West) Clem Barrios (CA)
National Assistant
Adjutants Harold E. Thompson, Jr. (NE)
..... Wendell Gordon (NM)
..... Kervin L. Bradford (TX)
..... Carl Griffiee (KS)
..... William E. Matoska (MD)
National Chaplain Terry J. Kettering (OH)
National Historian Roland D. Matteson (AZ)
National Judge Advocate Joseph Paviglianti (NY)
National Sergeant-at-Arms Randy Gay (GA)
National Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms
..... Roy Turner (OH)
..... Duane Randall (TX)
..... Brian James (KY)
..... Michael H. Wellington (MD)
..... William Null (AK)
National Commander's Aide
..... Raymond P. Giehll, Jr. (IN)

Sessions: All sessions, including those of the National Executive Committee, will be conducted in the Regency Ballrooms A and B at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Phoenix, Arizona.

Registration: National Convention Delegate and Alternate registration will be conducted at the Regency Ballrooms A and B at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Phoenix, AZ.

Friday, August 30, 1991

1:00 p.m. **Registration** of National Convention Delegates and Alternates begins.
5:00 p.m. Registration closes until Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m.
7:00 p.m. **N.E.C. Meeting** (Pre-Convention Meeting)
Call to Order — Robert A. Worrel (IN), National Commander
Salute to Colors
Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation — Terry J. Kettering (OH), National Chaplain
Preamble to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion
Roll Call — Woodrow L. Mudge, Jr. (CO), National Adjutant
Other Opening Business

Reports of National Commissions:

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation
Americanism
Public Relations
Legislative
Internal Affairs
Finance
Unfinished Business
New Business
Good of the S.A.L.
Benediction - Terry J. Kettering (OH), National Chaplain

Saturday, August 31, 1991

8:00 a.m. **Delegate and Alternate Registration Opens**
9:00 a.m. **20th Annual National Convention**
Call to Order — Robert A. Worrel (IN), National Commander

Posting of the Colors
 Pledge of Allegiance
 Invocation — Terry J. Kettering (OH), National Chaplain
 Preamble to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion
 Roll Call — Woodrow L. Mudge, Jr. (CO), National Adjutant
 Reading of the Convention Call — Woodrow L. Mudge, Jr. (CO), National Adjutant
 Opening Remarks — Robert A. Worrel (IN), National Commander
 Establishment of Convention Committees
 First Report of Credentials Committee
 First Report of Legislative and Rules Committee
 Salute to the Colors
 Recess for Committee Meetings

1:00 p.m. **Reconvene — Robert A. Worrel (IN), National Commander**
 Salute to the Colors
 Roll Call — Woodrow L. Mudge, Jr. (CO), National Adjutant

(Note: During the Convention Session, Various addresses will be delivered)

Reports of National Officers

Christopher R. Fattal, Jr. (NJ), National Vice Commander (East)
 Robert G. Smith (VA), National Vice Commander (South)
 Steve D. Bilderback (MN), National Vice Commander (Central)
 John A. Mokler (WY), National Vice Commander (Midwest)
 Clem Barrios, (CA), National Vice Commander (West)

Reports of National Convention Committees

Credentials — Preliminary Report
 Americanism
 Constitutional Amendments
 Finance
 Internal Affairs
 Legislative & Rules
 Membership
 Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation
 Presentation of Child Welfare Report and Awards
 Presentation of National History Contest Awards
 Roland D. Matteson (AZ), National Historian
 Presentation of Community Scrapbook Award
 Ernest Prior (RI), Chairman National Community Affairs Standing Committee

5:00 p.m. Registration Closes until Sunday morning

Sunday, September 1, 1991

7:00 a.m. **Registration Opens**

8:00 a.m. **Registration Closes**

Reconvene — Robert A. Worrel (IN), National Commander
 Salute to the Colors
 Pledge of Allegiance
 Invocation — Terry J. Kettering (OH), National Chaplain
 Roll Call — Woodrow L. Mudge, Jr. (CO), National Adjutant

National Convention Memorial Service
 Terry J. Kettering (OH), National Chaplain
 National Commanders Report -
 Robert A. Worrel (IN), National Commander
 Final Report of Credentials Committee
 Special Order of Business
 Election of National Officers
 National Commander
 National Vice Commanders (5)
 National Chaplain
 Installation of Newly Elected National Officers
 Benediction — Terry J. Kettering (OH), National Chaplain
 Retirement of Colors
 Final Adjournment — Robert A. Worrel (IN), National Commander

1:00 p.m. **N.E.C. Meeting - Post Convention Meeting**
 Call to Order — Newly Elected National Commander
 Salute to the Colors
 Invocation — Newly Elected National Chaplain
 Roll Call — National Adjutant
 Confirmation of Appointed National Officers
 Appointment of Standing National Committees and Commissions
 Remarks by new Committee and Commission Chairman
 Unfinished Business
 New Business
 Benediction — Newly Elected National Chaplain
 Salute to the Colors
 Adjournment — Newly Elected National Commander

3:00 p.m. **Freedom Fest — Celebrating The American Spirit — 1941-1991**

Past National Commanders

1968	Michael Seaton (CA)
1969	Robert McBride (OH)
1970	J.R. Stillwell (IL)
1971	J.R. Stillwell (IL)
1972	John Smolinsky (MA)
1973	Robert Faust (CA)
1974	James Hartman (MD)
1975	Gregory Reis (IL)
1976	Grant Jamieson (MI)
1977	Charles Gannon (MD)
1978	John M. Sherrard (CA)
1979	Richard Kepler (AZ)
1980	Ernest Wilson (NJ)
1981	Donald Willson (PA)
1982	David P. Stephens (IN)
1983	Christopher R. Cerullo (NY)
1984	Fred Hartline (OH)
1985	Woodrow L. Mudge, Jr. (CO)
1986	Royce Doucet (LA)
1987	Douglas Bible (MN)
1988	Richard L. League (MD)
1989	David Faust (WI)
1990	Charles R. Belles (VA)

Annual Report

Covers Period Ending June 1, 1991

The final pages of this official program of the 73rd Annual National Convention of The American Legion contain a condensed annual report for the American Legion 1990 year. A complete, detailed report has been prepared for submission to the Congress of the United States in accordance with requirements of the Legion's Congressionally-granted charter.

Believing that the delegates to the National Convention are entitled to receive a concise statement of the major activities of the American Legion year ending with this National Convention, your national headquarters provides this illustrated report as a part of the official program. In this manner, we are assured that every delegate and every one who registers for the convention will receive the condensed annual report.

The American Legion 73rd Annual Report

A full, detailed report has been submitted to the Congress of the United States in accordance with the provisions of Public Law 249, 77th Congress. Approved September 18, 1941

As we gather in Phoenix for our 73rd National Convention to review our accomplishments, conduct our business, and plan for the future, we can take pride in several accomplishments. We are stronger and growing; we are more active and involved in veterans programs as well as community matters; and we are better organized and equipped to carry out the mandates of the four basic programs of The American Legion.

When National Commander Robert S. Turner was elected at the close of the 72nd National Convention in Indianapolis one year ago, he challenged us to join him in keeping "America on our minds." Hardly had the gavel come down to adjourn that convention than all our minds focused on America's role in the Middle East and the deployment of thousands of our troops to the Persian Gulf.

Mobilization and deployment brought separation of military families, an experience we as wartime veterans know only too well. Because we were perfectly structured and suited to respond, we immediately organized the Family Support Network of The American Legion to provide assistance to those left behind who had to cope with the inevitable problems caused by separation.

The institution of a nationwide, 800 number "hotline" brought prompt offers of a neighborly helping hand from members of the Legion, the Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion in cities and towns all across America. As the majority of U.S. military forces began to return home after the end of the war, nearly 30,000 calls had been made to the Family Support Network toll-free phone number. Assistance was provided in a variety of ways to thousands of dependents, and grants totaling over \$50,000 were distributed to Desert Storm-related cases under the Temporary Financial Assistance program.

The Family Support Network of The American Legion has been a resounding success and truly reflects the ideals and character of our organization as stated in our pledge of "devotion to mutual helpfulness" in the Preamble of The American Legion Constitution. The Network will continue to function as long as troops are overseas or are in need of readjustment when they return home.

As the military buildup of U.S. and coalition forces accelerated in the Persian Gulf, National Commander

Turner led an American Legion delegation to Saudi Arabia to visit our armed forces, observe their state of readiness, and demonstrate the support of the Legion and the American people for their efforts. I had the honor to accompany Commander Turner on that visit, along with Dominic D. DiFrancesco, former Legislative Commission chairman.

We found the troops well-trained and equipped, confident of their ability, imbued with high morale, and anxious to do the job they were sent to do. All the brave men and women we visited were happy to hear of the Legion's Family Support Network and know that someone was looking out for their families back home.

No sooner than Desert Shield had become Desert Storm, we anticipated that a new generation of wartime veterans would become eligible for Legion membership and swell our ranks above the 3.1 million mark. The NEC took prompt action at the May session in the form of a resolution for Departments to adopt and bring forward to the National Convention to establish eligibility dates for those who served in the Gulf conflict.

In retrospect, the swift and decisive victory in the Persian Gulf war proved the wisdom of maintaining an adequate, well-trained military establishment. With the Legion's traditional concern for national security in mind, the National Executive Committee Spring Meeting reaffirmed our position for a strong national defense in the face of planned downsizing of the military due to budget restraints.

Another post-war NEC resolution called for a Legion proposal for a new "GI Bill" for Desert Storm veterans, emphasizing an increase in educational benefits to a parity with those given to previous veterans.

The surge of patriotism and pride in our nation and our military also refocused attention to the Legion's campaign to protect the U.S. Flag from physical desecration. Our efforts have centered on a drive to encourage state legislatures to enact "memorializing resolutions" calling the U.S. Congress to adopt a constitutional amendment to protect the flag.

Our flag campaign moved forward on the educational front as well. An animated video on the Pledge of Allegiance was produced as the first phase of an educational campaign to reinforce knowledge and respect for our flag, especially among the youth.

The video cartoon was funded by donations from the Citizens Flag Honor Guard.

Internal developments at National Headquarters have taken a major step forward with the long-planned conversion to modern computer equipment. An IBM AS400 mainframe was installed in a new, off-site facility at Park 100 in the northwest sector of Indianapolis, and dedicated during the 1991 Spring Meetings. The conversion brings the organization's information management and communications technology to state-of-the-art level. The operations and staff of the MIS and membership processing division have been relocated to the new facility.

Also located at Park 100 are the offices of Haynes & Pittinger Direct and Promotion Management, recently acquired as wholly-owned subsidiaries of The American Legion. HP/PM offers the benefits of vertically integrating their variety of creative, marketing, advertising and letter-shop services to headquarters staff operations across-the-board.

The developments just described have been made possible the creation and production of an entirely new, internal, biweekly publication, *The Dispatch*, which consolidates the myriad of publications and newsletters previously sent by various divisions. The result is a more concise, efficient and economical means of communicating the programs and issues of concern to the leadership and membership of The American Legion. A new organizational unit has been formed to handle the editorial and production responsibilities of the publication.

These developments are part of an ongoing staff reorganizational plan to streamline operations at headquarters. The aim is to position the Legion as the most visionary and efficient national veterans and membership service organization in the not-for-profit sector, on a par with the corporate area in reflecting and utilizing the technology and methodology needed to meet the challenge of the year 2000 and beyond.



ROBERT W. SPANOGLÉ
National Adjutant

The National Executive Committee

Between National Conventions, the administrative authority of The American Legion is exercised by the National Executive Committee composed of the National Commander, the five National Vice Commanders, National Chaplain, and one committeeman (plus alternate) elected by each department. Past National Commanders are life members of the NEC without vote. The NEC appoints the National Adjutant, Treasurer, Judge Advocate, Chaplain, Historian and Sergeant-at-Arms. The NEC also has full and complete control over the annual budget.

National Executive Committeemen

Alabama	James M. Harbuck, Jr.	Missouri	Harrell H. Boedeker
Alaska	William M. Bishop	Montana	Donald Buffington
Arizona	Julian F. Santos	Nebraska	Roger L. Wild
Arkansas	Claude Carpenter	Nevada	Archie Pozzi, Jr.
California	Wallace W. Riddle	New Hampshire	George V. West
Canada	David F. Martinez	New Jersey	Albert M. Robotti
Colorado	James H. McNeal	New Mexico	Robert W. Durand
Connecticut	Richard W. Anderson	New York	Vance E. Ketcham
Delaware	Donald E. Neil	North Carolina	Robert A. Tart
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Florida	George L. Derrick	Ohio	Gerald L. Moore
France	Merwyn M. Beavers	Oklahoma	Tom C. Smith
Georgia	Horace E. Borders	Oregon	T. Les Galloway
Hawaii	Robert J. Conrad	Panama Canal	Dan McDonald
Idaho	Frank Dalton	Pennsylvania	Joseph V. Adams
Illinois	Paul E. Briese	Philippines	Ernesto P. Golez
Indiana	Gilbert E. Sheeks	Puerto Rico	Juan H. Cintron
Iowa	Leo Maynard	Rhode Island	Walter R. Perry
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Kansas	U.S. "Udie" Grant	South Dakota	Donald Clarke
Kentucky	Silas M. Noel	Tennessee	Virgil C. Christa
Louisiana	Paul M. Severson	Texas	John D. Morris
Maine	William L. Ciciotte	Utah	William E. Christoffersen
Maryland	Donald C. Messick	Vermont	James G. Brouillette
Massachusetts	John J. Mulkern	Virginia	Edwin J. Dentz
Mexico	Frank H. Nolan	Washington	Samuel B. White
Michigan	Roy B. Cicotte	West Virginia	Jack T. Gribben
Minnesota	Donald R. Schroedl	Wisconsin	James E. Chapin
Mississippi	Hershel O. Ladner	Wyoming	E. Lawson Schwope

Past National Commanders

E. Roy Stone, Jr.	South Carolina	James M. Wagonseller	Ohio
George N. Craig	Indiana	Harry G. Wiles	Kansas
Erle Cocke, Jr.	Georgia	William J. Rogers	Maine
J. Addington Wagner	Michigan	Robert Charles Smith	Louisiana
John S. Gleason, Jr.	Illinois	John M. (Jack) Carey	Michigan
Preston J. Moore	Oklahoma	Frank I. Hamilton	Indiana
Martin B. McKneally	New York	Michael J. Kogutek	New York
William R. Burke	California	Jack W. Flynt	Texas
Daniel F. Foley	Minnesota	Al Keller, Jr.	Illinois
Donald E. Johnson	Iowa	Keith Kreul	Wisconsin
L. Eldon James	Virginia	Clarence M. Bacon	Maryland
William E. Galbraith	Nebraska	Dale L. Renaud	Iowa
J. Milton Patrick	Oklahoma	James P. Dean	Mississippi
Alfred P. Chamie	California	John P. "Jake" Comer	Massachusetts
John H. Geiger	Illinois	H.F. "Sparky" Gieke	North Dakota
Joe L. Matthews	Texas	Miles S. Epling	West Virginia
Robert E. L. Eaton	Maryland		

National Officers



Robert S. Turner (GA)
National Commander



Robert W. Spanogle (MI)
National Adjutant



Lewis Adams (NE)
Nat. Vice Commander



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Nat. Vice Commander



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Nat. Vice Commander



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Nat. Treasurer



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Nat. Historian



Roy W. Howard (GA)
Nat. Sgt.-At-Arms

For 73 years The American Legion has been serving this nation's veterans, their families and all children. As the National Convention comes to Phoenix, Arizona for the first time, the delegates are prepared for business sessions that will establish policy and provide direction for more than 3 million volunteer veterans in the coming Legion program year.

The American Legion was founded at the close of World War I. Over the years the Legion has stood steadfast in its dedication to serve God and country. The Legion has helped generations of Americans through program activities and dedicated

community involvement.

The American Legion, through its legislative action, volunteer service and well thought-out plans for the future, has paved the way for the next generation to keep America on a path of freedom and democracy.

The American Legion accomplishes its goals and objectives through two offices: National Headquarters, Indianapolis, Ind., and a major national office located in Washington, D.C.

The Legion's chief executive officer is the National Commander, elected by delegates to the National Convention for a term of one year. Other national officers chosen by National Convention action are the five National Vice

Commanders.

Robert S. Turner, of Atlanta, Georgia, is the 1990-91 National Commander of The American Legion. Major accomplishments during his term of office are represented in the following pages of this program and condensed annual report.

Robert W. Spanogle of Michigan, the National Adjutant, is the chief administrative officer of The American Legion. The National Adjutant, the National Judge Advocate, the National Treasurer, the National Chaplain, the National Historian and the National Sergeant-at-Arms comprise the appointed National officers of The American Legion. □

Highlights from

National Commander Turner's Year



Newly elected National Commander Robert S. Turner (left) is administered the oath of office by Past National Commander Dale Renaud of Iowa as W.D. "Cuz" Harrell of Georgia looks on.



A young Kuwaiti man and his his wife talked with National Commander Robert S. Turner in Pennsylvania. They were gathered to talk with families of Pennsylvania National Guard forces who died in the final Iraqi Scud attack of the war. Turner told those families their losses will never be forgotten.



National Commander Robert S. Turner met with President George Bush before departing in October for the Persian Gulf. On hand for the meeting in the Oval Office was (left to right) Mylio Kraja, executive director of the Legion's Washington office (now retired); Turner, Bush, Dominic DiFrancesco of Pennsylvania and National Adjutant Robert W. Spanogle.



During a personal visit to the Persian Gulf region, National Commander Robert S. Turner (second from right) met with Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf to discuss the early progress of the Desert Shield deployment. With the Commander for the visit were Dominic DiFrancesco, Pennsylvania (left) and National Adjutant Robert W. Spanogle.

Commander Turner spoke at the Indianapolis 500 Festival Memorial Service in May — reminding Americans of the extreme sacrifice paid by those who have served this country in defense of freedom.



Americanism Commission

Gary W. Sammons (MI),
Chairman

K. Michael Ayers (IN),
Director



Gary W. Sammons

Just where would this Nation be without the volunteers and the programs of The American Legion? That's a question that could be debated to no

end by American Legion members who carry out the programs of the Organization. Debate aside, the cold, hard fact is that without our volunteer members and without the programs of the Legion, America's people wouldn't be as well off as they are because of what you do in the communities across America, indeed, around the world.

Thousands of Posts and hundreds of thousands of volunteers conduct programs of Youth Activities and Community service that help to develop strong bodies, healthy minds and a stable community environment. It is the National Americanism Commission that has the responsibility for promotion of these programs, but it is at the Post level that The American Legion shines brightest.

This report contains summaries of major programs administered by the National Commission, but carried out by Post members. American Legion Baseball, Boys State/Nation, the National High School Oratorical Contest, Junior Shooting Sports, and The American Legion Education program are just a few that provide visibility — a very positive image — for the Legion both locally and nationally.

Without The American Legion . . . who would be leading the fight to protect the Flag from physical

desecration? In the last two years the National Americanism and the National Legislative Commissions have devoted much time, effort and money in attempts to rectify the decision of the U.S. Supreme Court that declared Flag desecration a Constitutionally protected right guaranteed by the First Amendment.

To show a consensus that the states want and would support a Constitutional Amendment to protect the Flag, a drive to secure memorializing resolutions from all state legislatures began last fall. Thirty-eight such resolutions are needed. As of April 22, with 34 Departments reporting, 20 state legislatures had approved such a resolution while nine more states had moved memorializing resolutions through at least one chamber. Nothing would please me more than to be able to announce to the Convention that we have achieved our goal and that we can look optimistically to the near future and to securing a Constitutional amendment that would punish those who would physically desecrate the Flag of the United States.

AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

Without the American Legion . . . some 78,000 young men on nearly 4,000 teams would have had to turn elsewhere to get the support, the guidance and the learning opportunity provided through American Legion Baseball. In the week prior to the start of this National Convention, eight regional championship teams will have competed at Boyertown, Pennsylvania in the 1991 American Legion World Series of Baseball, concluding the 66th consecutive season of the Nation's oldest amateur youth baseball program.

The number of former American Legion players now in Major League Baseball has remained quite constant over the years, and this season again, more than half are Legion Baseball graduates who gained experience with Legion teams before they signed their first professional contract.

BOYS STATE/BOYS NATION

The best way, perhaps the only way,

to assure that our republic continues is to train our young people in the ideals and objectives of American government. By teaching the basic principles involved in the successful management of a democratic society, developing understanding and appreciation for it, we can keep America strong and ensure freedom to future generations. These are the distinguished and long-standing objectives of American Legion Boys State.

These objectives are accomplished through this unique summertime program that emphasizes participation and personal experience in a model state, complete with governing bodies and elected public officials.

Without The American Legion . . . more than one-and-one-half million young men would not have received the "taste" of politics and public service that Boys States provide. It's an experience, by the way, that's a life-long remembrance for those who participate. I know, I'm one of those one-and-a-half million who attended American Legion Boys State.

Each year more than 28,000 attend Boys States in the 49 Legion Departments where the program is conducted. Each year the Boys States select two outstanding graduates to represent them at American Legion Boys Nation. Held in Washington, DC, in July of each year, it is at Boys Nation that the delegates are introduced, first-hand, to the federal city and the operation of government at the federal level.

BOY SCOUTS

Without The American Legion . . . well, Boy Scouts would still be doing the same great job they do in helping to build American youngsters, but they wouldn't be reaching as many of them. Legion Posts (and Auxiliary Units) sponsored more than 2,450 Scout Units last year that served more than 65,900 boys and girls — Explorer Posts do have young ladies as members!

Without The American Legion. . . a good number of Eagle Scouts would have had to go elsewhere, or go without, for the financial help to go to college. Each year the National

Americanism Commission selects an American Legion Scout of the Year. The reward for this attainment is an \$8,000 scholarship from The American Legion Life Insurance Trust Fund and this year the title of "Scout of the Year" was bestowed upon Benjamin B. Thomas of Alabama. In addition, three runners-up were awarded scholarships of \$2,000 each. The young men selected were: Andrew McCampbell of Tennessee, Homer Howard, III, of Mississippi, and Ted Glasco of Kansas.

JUNIOR SHOOTING SPORTS

Perhaps several years from now we'll be able to point to an Olympic athlete and say, "**Without The American Legion.** . . that person may not have achieved that lofty goal." The Junior Shooting Sports program for boys and girls 14 to 20 year of age, is just two years old but growing rapidly. More than 1,200 young people are part of a nationwide program of shooting safety and marksmanship that aids the development of competitive skills which could lead to Olympic gold.

The program utilizes .177-calibre pellet rifles and pistols which are pneumatically powered.

The first National Championship Tournament of the Junior Shooting Sports program was conducted June 20-23 at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Twenty high school students from American Legion-affiliated shooting clubs competed for the championship honors. Over 150 junior rifle clubs are enrolled in the program and more than 400 shooters entered this year's competition.

NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ORATORICAL CONTEST

Without The American Legion . . . and the National High School Oratorical Contest, many thousands of young people may not have had the encouragement to study the United States Constitution or receive any of the nearly two million dollars in scholarships that the program has provided over the last 55 years.

On April 8, 1991, 54 department champions began the weeklong trail to

the National Finals at Boise, Idaho on April 12 where the final four contestants vied for \$60,000 in scholarship monies. The four national finalists are: 1st Place — Jack L. White (CA), \$18,000; 2nd Place — Caroline M. Page (SC), \$16,000; 3rd Place — Mukund Krishnaswami (MD), \$14,000; and 4th Place — Jessica Rae Donze (MN), \$12,000.

All those who competed at the Regional level received a scholarship of \$1,000 from The American Legion Life Insurance Trust Fund. Those who competed at the Sectional level, but did not go on to the Finals, received a scholarship of \$3,000. In all, at the National level, a total of \$138,000 in scholarships was awarded this year.

In 1992, the National finals will be held at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

FLAG EDUCATION

Without The American Legion . . . where would the issue of Flag desecration be? I like to think that it has been The American Legion that has instilled in America a deep concern for the Flag and just what it stands for. When the Supreme Court declared all laws regarding Flag protection as Unconstitutional, the American Legion began a two-fold campaign to return respect and appreciation to the Flag of the United States.

The first thrust was an immediate and forceful attempt to reinstate protection to the flag by getting a Constitutional amendment passed. While that struggle is yet to be resolved, it continues today through the memorializing resolution process in the state legislatures across the country.

The second thrust was to develop materials which could be used to re-educate the American public to the significance and symbolism of our most beloved emblem. The first of these materials, a video and activity kit titled "A Children's Guide to the Pledge of Allegiance," underwent testing this past spring in 1,000 elementary schools across the nation. The kit is designed to be used in lower elementary grades, K-3, and is complete with instructions for the teacher, an animated video, coloring

books, certificates for the students who learn the Pledge of Allegiance, and a vinyl "group" coloring cloth.

No, the kit is not for sale; not yet. With critiques from the teachers and other educators who previewed and used it, the kit will be evaluated and improved over the summer months. With support from corporate and individual sponsors, 75,000 kits will be prepared and provided free to every public and private elementary school in the country next year. It will then be up to the posts and affiliated organizations to keep the schools supplied with the coloring books and certificates that accompany the kit. We're very proud of it and you should be too.

The National Americanism Commission promotes Flag education in other ways also, like through the publications *Know Your America* and *Let's Be Right on Flag Etiquette*. Again reaching out to America's youngest citizens with Flag education information, just two years ago the Commission produced and Posts have been very successful in distributing *Our County's Flag*, a 20-page comic book developed to teach elementary school children about the Flag, about American ideals, patriotism and about respect for "Old Glory."

The National Americanism Commission is charged with the supervision and coordination of two national Standing Committees: the National Committee on Education and the Counter-Subversive Activities Committees □

Committee on Education

Dr. W. F. Haynie (TX),
Chairman

Since 1919, The American Legion has concerned itself with promotion of positive educational activities. A joint committee was formed with the National Education Association which brought about the first American Education Week observance in 1921. For over 50 years, this joint committee met annually to discuss education

issues and plans for each Education Week observance until 1975 when the NEA dissolved all committees involved with outside organizations. For that reason, the Legion formed the National Committee on Education in order to maintain a strong, positive influence on education in America. It is the only national committee with a voting membership from both the Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary. This exemplifies the cooperation that is necessary and vital to successful Legion programs and activities that support the system of education in America.

EDUCATION ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMITTEE

Like other programs of the Legion, education activities are many and varied. Our financial aid handbook, *Need a Lift?* has carried a multitude of information on scholarships, loans, careers and educational opportunities for forty years. It is viewed by counselors and educators as one of the best of its type in the Nation.

Not content at resting on our laurels, we researched ways to improve our commitment to education and developed "The American Legion Education Assistance Program." We wanted to make access to college as easy as possible for students by providing them with a "one stop shop" for scholarship and financial assistance.

The 40th edition of *Need A Lift?* now contains two sections which can help make this goal a reality. The first is a listing of 1,400 major colleges and universities across the country. The listing answers the basic questions of tuition costs, entrance qualifications and enrollment for each of these institutions. The second section, CASHE (Computer Assisted Scholarships for Higher Education), contains an application for a low-cost electronic search which can provide the student with sources for many other opportunities for college funding.

These two recent additions are major improvements in themselves, but what about the student who is accepted to a college and receives some scholarship money, but not enough to meet the full financial need?

In 1990 we announced a major innovation in the Education Assistance Program that goes beyond providing information, to providing cash for post-secondary education. Through the "Option Four Education Loan Program," we can and are now assisting in this area as well, with cooperation from INB National Bank and United Student Aid Funds. The bank has set aside five million dollars in this fund to be used on a first-come, first-served basis. I must stress that the money from this fund is a loan and as such requires proof of need and creditworthiness.

We call the program Option 4, with the first three options for financial assistance being: 1) parents; 2) the college or university; 3) federal and state government.

Option Four Loan information has been made available through direct mail to 40,000 Boys and Girls Staters who participated in 1990 and to thousands more who were part of those programs this year. □

Counter-Subversive Activities Committee

F. Rodney Loper (PA),
Chairman

The Counter-Subversive Activities Committee, since its beginning in November 1950, continues to keep a close watch on activities of certain organizations and individuals who threaten our form of government and reports this information in the monthly publication *Firing Line*.

If you would like to receive *Firing Line*, send your name and address along with a check or money order to: The American Legion *Firing Line*, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206. Single subscriptions are available for \$5 per year. Bulk subscriptions also are available at \$1 each when a minimum of 20 copies are mailed to one address.

What appears in this year-end report reflects only a small part of the work carried out by The American Legion. Much more time, effort and monies are expended by Posts as they work to serve the community, state and Nation.

Last year alone, **without The American Legion . . .** more than 20,000 students would not have been recognized for their achievements in school (School Awards Program). **Without The American Legion . . .** there would have been 8,100 fewer students receiving \$2.9 million dollars in scholarships. **Without The American Legion . . .** who would have spent another \$1.1 million dollars on education in America? **Without The American Legion . . .** who would have donated the more than 2.6 million hours and the 47 million dollars to community service in the last year?

Yes, without question **Without The American Legion and You**, America and its people just wouldn't be the same. □

Children & Youth Commission

Eugene V. Lindquist (MN)
Chairman

K. Michael Ayers (IN),
Director



Eugene V. Linquist

our active Posts expended over 42 million dollars on Children & Youth activities. This astounding figure takes on even greater meaning when we consider it was reached with only half of our Posts reporting. Just imagine

The National Commission on Children & Youth has completed yet another outstanding year for the children of this nation. During the 1989-90 program year,

what we could report to Congress if every Post reported.

Even though we are all engaged to some degree in the National Children & Youth Program, and may presume to know something about it, it is well now and then to restate what the purpose is.

As an organized national activity of The American Legion, Children & Youth is now in its 67th year. That program has two purposes: First, to assure care and protection for the children of veterans. Our second purpose is something of a corollary to the first: To improve conditions for all children. Records of early National Conventions clearly show that the only way to really insure a "Square Deal" for the children of veterans is to work for a "Square Deal" for all children. If this was true back in the 1920's, when children of veterans constituted only 15 to 20 percent of the child population of the Nation, how much more to the point is that principle today when children of Vietnam veterans constitutes about 50 percent of all children.

As we begin our journey into the 1990s, many new and challenging problems affecting children will be brought to our attention. We can't be expected to have all the answers, but with the cooperation of other volunteer groups we can expect to be part of the solution. Our current areas of concern are relevant to the needs of today's children. Your National Commission on Children & Youth has listened to our youth and, time after time, four major areas continue to be mentioned above all others:

CHILD SAFETY
TEENAGE SUICIDE
DRUG ABUSE
MISSING CHILDREN

In response to this need, we have developed, for your distribution, effective brochures on these subjects. These materials do not pass judgment on the reader, but they do hopefully lead them to responsible decision making. To support these materials, we have Media Kits that will guide you through local publicity efforts. Add to this, first rate videotapes and leaders guides and you have the makings of a first rate local program.

At the Regional Leadership Workshops, to be conducted in the fall

of this year, we will be stressing service to our children in the local communities. We will discuss the increased supplies of brochures and availability of many new videotapes on relevant subjects. A new program will be introduced this year on the subject of Destructive Cults. If you live near a Regional Workshop site this year, please take advantage of this marvelous opportunity to learn and contribute to our National effort.

Every generation has had its problems, but there have always been those willing to face them and solve them. With your help, and with genuine resolve to succeed, we shall be successful.

God Bless you in your efforts in behalf of our young people. God Bless The American Legion. God Bless America. □

American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Inc.

U.S. (Udie) Grant (KS),
President

Paul R. Frinthal (IL),
Executive Secretary

For the 1991-92 year, the following grants were awarded: \$16,000 to The American Legion Department Headquarters (VA); \$28,700 to American Legion Post No. 20 (AR); \$22,000 to Aplastic Anemia Foundation of America, Inc. (MD); \$18,300 to the Epilepsy Foundation of America (MD); \$12,100 to the International Rett Syndrome Association (MD); \$34,000 to the National Commission on Children & Youth of The American Legion (IN); \$14,000 to the National Crime Prevention Council (DC); \$49,200 to the National Federation TARGET Program (MO); \$39,300 to the National Neurofibromatosis Foundation (FL); \$59,500 to the University of Pennsylvania (PA).

The Foundation was created in 1954 for the following purposes: To

contribute to the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual welfare of children and youth through the dissemination of knowledge about new and innovative organizations and well-established organizations and/or their programs, to the end that such information will specifically benefit youth, and in general, be more adequately used by society.

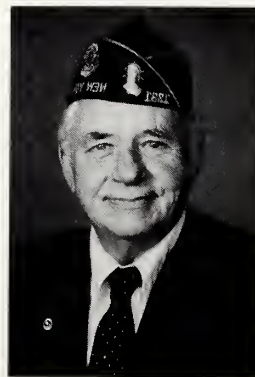
This Foundation is YOUR Foundation. Our primary source of income is derived from the voluntary contributions of Legion, Auxiliary, SAL and Eight and Forty members. In order for our Board of Directors to continue to make grants like those listed above, we must have your continued support. Each contribution is tax-deductible and best of all, 100 percent of your contribution goes for projects designed to help children.

Special thanks again this year to an outstanding group of volunteers we affectionately refer to as RATs (Regional Action Teams). Without their assistance, many grants would still be waiting for funding. □

Internal Affairs Commission

Herman G. Harrington (NY)
Chairman

Hubert R. Dagley II (IN)
Director



Herman G. Harrington

The Internal Affairs Commission is responsible for policies relating to the internal structure and operation of The American Legion at all levels. In

addition, all resolutions and other official matters not falling within the area of assigned duties of other National Commissions or Committees

are handled by the Internal Affairs Commission.

Four national standing committees are assigned to the commission for "supervision and coordination:" Constitution and By-Laws; Membership and Post Activities; Resolutions Assignment; and Trophies, Awards and Ceremonials. The Internal Affairs Commission is also the supervisory body for the Sons of The American Legion program, the National Emergency Fund, and a special committee to commemorate WWII.

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

The 13th annual series of National Leadership Workshops sponsored by the National Headquarters of The American Legion and Auxiliary in cooperation with all Departments will take place this September/October at eight regional sites around the United States.

This forum of workshops is a setting to discuss matters of interest to the organization, but, more importantly, it offers the opportunity to inform, educate, and provide leadership training to anyone wanting to learn more about the past, present, and future of the Legion and Auxiliary. Many subject matters are covered, providing a blend of experiences, sharing of ideas, problem solving, information exchange, and the sharpening of skills.

Become a part of the thousands of other members who have attended past workshops. Get involved!

NATIONAL EMERGENCY FUND

The National Emergency Fund Committee consists of Herman G. Harrington (NY), Chairman of the National Internal Affairs Commission; Bruce Thiesen (CA), Chairman of the National Membership & Post Activities Committee; Juan Cintron (PR), National Executive Committeeman; and Robert A. Tart (NC), National Executive Committeeman and NEC Liaison to the Internal Affairs Commission.

The Committee last presented a formal report to the National Finance Commission on April 29, 1991. Since

that report, the fund remains sound and continues to provide financial assistance to Posts and individuals during time of disaster.

The balance on hand in the fund continues to grow as a result of contributions and interest earned, and remains sufficient to meet the demand on it from local and national disasters. It is important to note that since its inception, there have been no natural disasters to equal the scope of those to which this Fund was a response. The majority of disasters for which grants have been made have been regional, in which portions of states have been declared federal disaster areas, or local, in which Posts have suffered catastrophic loss.

There have been no fund-raising initiatives on behalf of the fund since the previous report. Publicity continues in the form of periodic reports in The American Legion Dispatch and American Legion Magazine, and information carried on the MBNA VISA Card billing notices.

The long-term financial goal of the N.E.F. is \$1 million in ready-response funds to meet the needs of the American Legion Family in times of disaster. The service goal, that of providing immediate and unencumbered assistance to Posts and individual members continues to be met. Because dollars contributed to the National Emergency Fund are restricted to specific purposes, and because the operational needs of The American Legion indicate renewed revenue enhancement and fund-raising endeavors, plans for additional fund-raising appeals for the Fund have been temporarily suspended.

It is the opinion of the committee that sufficient funds are on hand for immediate response to future major disasters, and that fund-raising on behalf of the N.E.F. is most successful in the context of such a disaster when the needs are dramatic and readily demonstrated.

The latest financial summary indicates contributions to date of \$485,690.08; expenses of \$47,930.25; grants in the amount of \$124,715; and a balance on hand of \$314,232.43. A comparison of the most recent previously submitted reports shows the fund has experienced a decrease of

\$1,888.83 in the balance on hand, an additional \$16,800 in grants made; and no change in expenses.

SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

The 20th Annual National Convention of the Sons of The American Legion will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Phoenix, Arizona.

Membership in the SAL continues to grow at a phenomenal rate, and this year will mark the 17th consecutive year of growth in membership. Membership in the SAL reached 124,925 by year end, 1990. This was a 13.9% increase over 1989. This year, membership is expected to grow to 130,000 by year end 1991, another all-time high.

The two major projects of the Sons of The American Legion are: (1) Support of VAVS volunteer hours for VA & R, and (2) The raising of funds for the Child Welfare Foundation. Over \$133,000 was raised in support of VA & R for our nation's veterans with 39,000 volunteer hours provided by SAL members. Also, this year marks the fourth year of involvement in raising funds for the Child Welfare Foundation.

The National Executive Committee of the SAL approved two donations, \$5,000 for the Family Support Network and \$5,000 to the Child Welfare Foundation.

Also, the SAL provided funds for a grant through the Child Welfare Foundation.

CONSOLIDATED POST REPORTS

Over 55.3% of The American Legion Posts filed a Consolidated Post Report with National Headquarters for the 1989-90 year. Last year exemplifies the valuable and invaluable assistance provided to all levels of America: Cash aid given to veterans — \$2,224,967; contributions to the VA Volunteer Service Program — \$1,781,749 and 1,459,164 volunteer hours of service; donated \$11,110,533 to athletic teams; sponsored 59,071 Boy Scouts at a cost of \$1,616,418; awarded 8,063 scholarships valued at \$2,973,388; donated \$6,913,473 and spent 2,637,549 hours performing

community service work; gave 119,603 pints of blood and contributed millions of dollars in goods and cash to programs helping children and veterans.

The greatest duty for The American Legion is its service to veterans. Again, we have honorably and proudly met our obligations.

PAID-UP-FOR-LIFE

The American Legion Paid-Up-For-Life Program started 16 years ago as a convenience to our members. Since its inception, and as of April 26, 1991, over 74,555 members have entered the National Program.

This method of membership is the best way to ensure that one is always a paid-up continuous member. This is the most positive way one can show support for The American Legion and its programs.

FAMILY BENEFITS PLAN

The American Legion Family Benefits Plan was created to assist in the acquisition and retention of members while increasing the real and perceived value of every Legionnaire's card. Corporate sponsors of this plan offer a variety of discounts on hotel lodging, motor club membership, car rentals, recreation parks and discounted eye wear.

At this time, discounts and services are being offered by the following companies: American Red Ball, Atlas Van Lines, Avis, Days Inn of America, La Quinta Motor Inns, Marriott Corporation, National Car Rental, North American Van Lines/Quality Movers, Choice Hotels International, Ramada Inns, Sea World of Florida, Thrifty Rent-A-Car, United States Auto Club and Eye Care Plan of America.

Renewal agreements are being finalized at this time and preparation for new promotional materials are underway. Efforts continue to seek out potential new corporate sponsors offering a greater variety of choices. Negotiations with existing corporate sponsors are ongoing to expand benefits and increase participation by our members.

DIRECT RENEWAL

One of the measures The American Legion uses to judge the success of the various programs is through the continuing strength of its membership. Instrumental to the retention of members in the organization is the Direct Renewal Program, which is the use of a direct mail method that invites members to renew. This organized, uniform, and simple method has been a very successful and effective approach and is funded at NO COST to Departments or Posts. Members of participating Posts receive a first renewal letter about July or August 1, depending on your Department. Subsequent renewal notices are mailed to unpaid members about October 1, or November 1, December 15, or January 10, March 15, and May 1.

DIRECT MEMBERSHIP SOLICITATION

Research studies have shown that many veterans would consider joining The American Legion, but they have never been asked. In an attempt to reach as many of these veterans as possible, we are soliciting new members through the mail. This innovative membership program is called Direct Membership Solicitation (DMS).

DMS has proven successful, having acquired over 1,200,000 new members for The American Legion since its inception. Fifty-two (52) Departments now participate in the DMS program.

DMS will continue to support The American Legion's on-going membership efforts. □

Trophies Awards, and Ceremonials

Earl D. Franklin, Jr. (CO)
Chairman

This committee supervises all official national awards with the exception of those related to uniform group competition and recommends to the

National Executive Committee recipients of the Distinguished Service Medal, the International Amity Award and the Canadian Friendship Award.

At the 1991 Spring Meetings, the committee approved the nomination of Louis Van Thienen (Belgium), William Brace (Australia), Ernesto S. Gidaya (Philippines), and General Hsu Li-nung (Taiwan) for the International Amity Award.

For the Canadian Friendship Award, the committee approved the nominations of Kenneth Clinton Fulford (Ontario), Cecil Magrath (Nanaimo, B.C.), Jack Bridges (Saskatchewan), Glenn Canning (Alberta), Sandy Butler (Oromocto), Peter Landy (Ontario), Frank Helden (Burnaby, B.C.), Ernie Noyse (Ontario).

Constitution and By-Laws

Francis L. Giordano (NY)
Chairman

The only authority that can amend the National Constitution and By-Laws is the National Convention. A standing committee on Constitution and By-Laws does, however, review and make recommendations of all proposed amendments. □

Resolutions Assignment

Alex M. Geiger (SC)
Chairman

The Resolutions Assignment Committee meets only at the annual National Convention. The committee has the responsibility of assigning all resolutions to the appropriate Convention Committee for report to the Convention. □

Blood Drive
Civic Plaza Convention Center
Hall "C"

Times 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Saturday, August 31
Tuesday, September 3
Wednesday, September 4

Membership And Post Activities Committee

Bruce Thiesen (CA)
Chairman

James E. Roodvoets (MI)
Deputy Director

Jeffry L. Wonder (IN)
Deputy Director



Bruce Thiesen

that we are the largest and fastest growing veterans organization in the Nation.

MEMBERSHIP INCREASING

Final 1989 membership. . . 3,013,189
Final 1990 membership. . . 3,025,927
1991 membership as of July 1,
1991. . . 3,057,933

28th ANNUAL NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP WORKSHOP

Representatives from 52 Departments gathered in Indianapolis July 26-28 for the National Membership Workshop in preparation for the 1992 membership year.

The sessions for the 28th annual workshop provided over four hundred Legionnaires the tools and information necessary for another successful year of membership.

This exchange of ideas continues to be one of the best opportunities for Legionnaires, at all levels, to be totally

involved in planning the membership objectives for 1992.

In September and October, members of the M & PA Committee and staff will participate in the eight National Leadership Workshops and present successful membership techniques to thousands of Legionnaires from all around the country.

NEW POSTS

Number of Posts as of May 1,
1990. . . 15,398
Number of Posts cancelled as of May 1,
1991. . . 127
Number of Posts chartered as of May 1,
1991. . . 69
Total number of Posts as of May 1,
1991. . . 15,329

New Post formation in urban areas is one of the most important challenges confronting The American Legion. National Headquarters has available a planning guide to new Posts — a step by step procedure for starting a new Post.

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN PROMOTION

During the annual planning session of the Membership and Post Activities Committee held in Indianapolis every January, the Committee formulates the promotion plan for the National Membership Campaign. In excess of 65,000 various awards and incentives are incorporated in the National Membership Awards Program annually to recognize outstanding membership accomplishments at all levels of the organization.

UNOFFICIAL MEMBERSHIP AWARDS EARLY BIRD AWARDS

Forty-four (44) Departments qualified for the 30% awards. They were: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mexico, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon,

Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming.

MIDWAY TO SUCCESS

Thirty-five (35) Departments qualified for the 50% awards with eleven (11) of them qualifying for the 55% bonus awards. The bonus Departments were: Connecticut, Delaware, Kansas, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Ohio, Rhode Island, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin. The 50% Departments were: Alabama, Arkansas, California, District of Columbia, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Maine, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont.

OCTOBERFEST

Thirty-eight (38) Departments qualified for the 60% awards with twenty-four (24) of them qualifying for the 65% bonus awards. The bonus Departments were: California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin. The 60% Departments were: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Maine, Michigan, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, South Carolina.

VETERANS DAY AWARDS

Forty-four (44) Departments qualified for the 75% awards with twenty-four (24) Departments qualifying for the 80% bonus awards. The bonus Departments were: California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, South

Carolina, South Dakota, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin. The 75% Departments were: Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, District of Columbia, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Michigan, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Tennessee, Utah, Washington.

BIG TWELVE COMPETITION

Forty-eight (48) Departments qualified for 90% awards with twenty-one (21) of them qualifying for the 95% bonus award. The bonus Departments were: California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Philippines, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin. The 90% Departments were: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Mexico, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Washington.

"BIG TWELVE" COMPETITION WINNERS

Category I — Ohio and Minnesota
Category II — Wisconsin and Maryland
Category III — Massachusetts and Kansas
Category IV — North Dakota and South Dakota
Category V — Montana and Vermont
Category VI — Rhode Island and Delaware

AMERICAN LEGION BIRTHDAY

Thirty (30) Departments qualified for the 100% awards. The Departments were: Philippines, Delaware, Mexico, Connecticut, Wisconsin, Maryland, Florida, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, West Virginia, North Dakota, Ohio, Virginia, Maine, California, New Jersey, Washington, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Utah, Nevada, Massachusetts,

Michigan, Idaho, New Mexico, Kansas, Iowa, Vermont, Montana.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER OF THE YEAR

Department Commanders who exceeded their 100% goal for 1991 by April 9, 1991, receive a special plaque recognizing that achievement. Thirty (30) Department Commanders qualified for this award. They were the Department Commanders of: Philippines, Delaware, Mexico, Connecticut, Wisconsin, Maryland, Florida, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, West Virginia, North Dakota, Ohio, Virginia, Maine, California, New Jersey, Washington, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Utah, Nevada, Massachusetts, Michigan, Idaho, New Mexico, Kansas, Iowa, Vermont, Montana.

"MAY DAY" TARGET

100% + Department Competition — Thirty-six (36) Departments qualified for this award. They were: Philippines, Delaware, Mexico, Connecticut, Wisconsin, Maine, Oregon, Puerto Rico, Nevada, Maryland, West Virginia, South Dakota, Virginia, Rhode Island, Hawaii, California, North Dakota, Florida, Ohio, New Jersey, Washington, Utah, Vermont, New Mexico, Massachusetts, Idaho, Michigan, Kansas, Montana, Texas, Iowa, Georgia, New Hampshire, Alaska, Indiana and Tennessee.

GOLD BRIGADE RECRUITER AWARD

Legionnaires who recruited 50 or more NEW members by May 14, 1991, qualified for enrollment in the elite GOLD BRIGADE of The American Legion. A total of 300 recruiters were certified as of May 14, 1991. The combined number of new members recruited by Gold Brigade winners totals approximately 17,421.

POST HONOR RIBBONS

Post Honor Ribbons were shipped to 1,998 Posts whose 1991 membership as of December 31, 1990, exceeded 1990 membership.

CERTIFICATE OF MERITORIOUS

SERVICE

These certificates were awarded to 400 Posts for attaining a new All-Time High membership for 1991 by December 31, 1990.

FIVE CONSECUTIVE YEARS ALL-TIME HIGH

These citations were awarded to 280 Posts with five or more consecutive years all-time high membership.

DISTRICT COMMANDERS "RACE TO THE TOP"

Competition is divided into five categories based on the membership of the District without regard to geographic locations. District Commanders compete in each of the following categories based on the final 1990 totals, and a top District Commander for the National Award is selected from each of the five categories. Second and third place awards are also presented in each category.

Category I — Districts of 15 to 1,499 members
Category II — Districts of 1,500 to 2,999 members
Category III — Districts of 3,000 to 4,999 members
Category IV — Districts of 5,000 to 7,499 members
Category V — Districts of 7,500 and above members

Two 500 trips were presented to the top District Commander in each category whose District membership for 1991, on March 31, represented the greatest percentage over the final 1990 membership of the District. The First Place Award entitled the winner and guest to an all-expense paid trip for four days, May 24-27, to attend the 1991 Indianapolis 500. The trip included round-trip airfare, tickets to the Indianapolis 500, and first-class hotel accommodations.

Second Place Awards were presented to the District Commander in each category whose District membership for 1991, on March 31, represented the second highest percentage over the final 1990

membership of that District. Winners received a round trip airline ticket to anywhere in the continental United States or a choice of several other great prizes.

Third Place Awards were presented to the District Commander in each category whose District membership for 1991, on March 31, represented the third highest percentage over the final 1990 membership of that District. Winners and spouses received a local get-away weekend or a choice of several other great prizes.

1st PLACE WINNER — Trip To The Indianapolis 500 Race

Category I — Jose Sanmiguel, Puerto Rico, 113.98%, Dist 3

Category II — Dan Walsh, Michigan, 115.13%, Dist 17

Category III — Joseph Lonergan, Rhode Island, 103.70%, Dist 3

Category IV — William Roberts, Michigan, 116.22%, Dist 8

Category V — Joyce E. Kerwood, Florida, 104.94%, Dist 8

2nd PLACE WINNERS

Airline Tickets To Anywhere in Continental United States or a choice of several other great prizes.

Category I — Bobby Moreno, New Mexico, 111.93%, Dist 4

Category II — Richard Schenfeld, Oregon, 114.01%, Dist 8

Category III — James Barrett, Michigan, 103.37%, Dist 6

Category IV — Glen D. Jones, Ohio, 105.54%, Dist 12

Category V — Anthony Paternostro, New York, 104.39%, Dist 30

3rd PLACE WINNERS — Local Get-Away Weekend For Winner and Spouse or a choice of several other great prizes.

Category I — William Boyer, Oregon, 111.44%, Dist 9

Category II — Leslie Stickels, Delaware, 111.30%, Dist. 4

Category III — Don Mathis, Tennessee, 102.49%, Dist 3

Category IV — William Donohue, Florida, 103.51%, Dist 12

Category V — Clare Blakeslee, Pennsylvania, 102.47%, Dist 29

DISTRICT COMMANDER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD AND HONOR RIBBONS

Plaques and Honor Ribbons were sent to those District Commanders whose 1991 District membership as of May 1, 1991 exceeded the 1990 membership by at least one per Post. As of May 14, 1991, 186 District Commanders qualified for these awards.

DISTRICT COMMANDER NEW POST ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

District Commanders who achieve the goal of creating new American Legion Posts in their respective District and have the new Post's Temporary Charter Application on file in National Headquarters by May 7, 1991, qualified for the following award:

A Special Recognition Plaque — Leslie Stickels, Delaware; Elmer Wolff, Florida; Robert Trainor, Florida; William Donohue, Florida; Simon Martinez, Arizona; C. Jim Rey, Texas; P.J. Mazella, Texas; Gordon Holy, Texas; Clifton A. Newmann, Texas; Ronald G. Cherry, Texas; Cletus R. Piper, Texas; Carrol M. McFarland, Texas; Walter Garrett, Jr., Michigan; George Schurer, Pennsylvania; John Kuhn, Pennsylvania; Charles D. Santrock, Virginia; Leroy Thompson, Virginia; Ernest Lewis, Jr., Connecticut; Jim Gravenstein, Kansas; Robert Chasse, Jr., New Hampshire; Robert Bournival, New Hampshire; and John Gardner, Tennessee.

DEPARTMENT RECRUITER OF THE YEAR

Each American Legion Post had the opportunity to submit the name of the "Top Recruiter" for that Post who signed up the highest number of new members for the 1991 membership year by May 7, 1991. Department Adjutants then determined the Top New Member Recruiter for their respective Department and certified their "Department Recruiter" to National Headquarters on or before May 21, 1991.

The "Department Recruiter", properly certified from each Department, was awarded a plaque

with his/her accomplishment inscribed thereon.

NATIONAL RECRUITER OF THE YEAR

The individual certified with the highest number of new members recruited from among all the Departments was declared "National Recruiter of The Year." The 1991 National Recruiter of the Year is: Donald A. Summers, American Legion Post 273, Department of Florida.

HOUGHTON AWARD WINNERS

The Arthur D. Houghton Sons of The American Legion Award is presented annually to the Detachment of the Sons of The American Legion which on December 31 of each year has attained the greatest percentage of increase over the previous year's total membership. There are three categories and three awards. The winners were:

Category I	— Vermont	153.85%
Category II	— Missouri	134.17%
Category III	— Pennsylvania	120.56%

DEPARTMENT D.M.S. TRANSFER AWARD

The D.M.S. Transfer Award is given to a Legionnaire, Post, District, County, or area of a Department that gave the largest contribution to the transferring of D.M.S. members from the Department Headquarters Post to local Posts. As of May 14, 1991, twenty Departments certified their winners to National Headquarters. They are: Rhode Island State Airport Post 6, Bristol, Rhode Island; Haisley Lynch, Post 16, Gainesville, Florida; Henry Chasse, Post 22, Maine; Leon Smith, Post 176, Springfield, Virginia; Levy Bobe, Post 54, Puerto Rico; John McArdle, Post 129, New Jersey; Helen Haas, Post 1, Arizona; James Lopatkiewicz, Post 485, Schererville, Indiana; Joseph Sievert, Post 485, Schererville, Indiana; Richard C. Irving, Sr., Post 8, Dover, New Hampshire; Keith Mishler, Post 153, St. Johns, Michigan; Walter L. Fox, Post 2, Dover, Delaware; Ed Braun, Post 1, Little Rock, Arkansas; Thomas R. Meteraud, Commander, Post 179, W. Charleston,

South Carolina; Elsa Baker, Post 10, Las Cruces, New Mexico; Alfred Moulton, Post 68, Pittsfield, Massachusetts; Walter McNally, Post 315, Dracut, Massachusetts, Margaret Voss, Post 26, Davenport, Iowa; Maryville Post 13, Maryville, Tennessee; Parkersburg Post 15, Parkersburg, West Virginia; Don Epperson, Post 83, Eugene, Oregon; and Tipton V. Forrest, Post 676, Springfield, Missouri.

DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL AWARD

This award was presented to any Department that by December 31, 1990, had renewed at least 75% of its final 1990 membership, or had increased its 1991 renewal rate by at least 5% over its 1990 renewal rate.

Each Department that achieved either of the above goals received a handsome Banner that can be on the National Convention Department seating sign.

In addition to the Banner, Departments with an 80% renewal rate earned their Department Membership Chairman a special gift. Eighty-five percent and 90% earned the Department Commander and the Department Adjutant special gifts, and a 95% renewal rate earned all those gifts plus a plaque to be presented at the National Convention.

This year 19 Departments qualified for the Department Renewal Award.

The Department of Delaware qualified for the award by having a 1991 renewal rate greater than 95%.

Five Departments qualified for the award by having a 1991 renewal rate greater than 80%. They were: Iowa, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

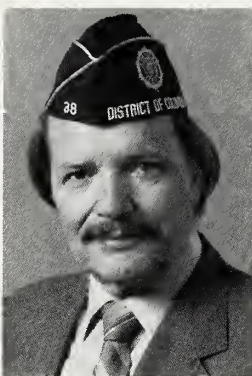
Eleven Departments qualified for the award by having a 1991 renewal rate greater than 75%. They were: Connecticut, Kansas, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont.

Six Departments qualified for the award by having a 1991 renewal rate at least 5% higher than the 1990 renewal rate. They were: Alaska, Delaware, Kansas, Michigan, Ohio and Rhode Island. □

Public Relations Commission

Thomas C. Kouyeas (DC)
Chairman

Lew Wood (IN)
Director



Thomas C. Kouyeas

The National Public Relations Commission, a service element of the National Organization, continued to strive to focus media attention on

the efforts of The American Legion. Communications technology continues to change rapidly, and new opportunities must be considered to successfully accomplish this mission.

During this program year, the Family Support Network required considerable cooperation among many Commissions including Americanism/Children and Youth, Magaine, and Internal Affairs to successfully accomplish all objectives.

Promotional efforts for the Family Support Network included television, radio and print public service announcements that were widely used. Additionally, suggested letters to the editor, suggested editorials, and special photo features were provided to nearly 3,000 newspapers.

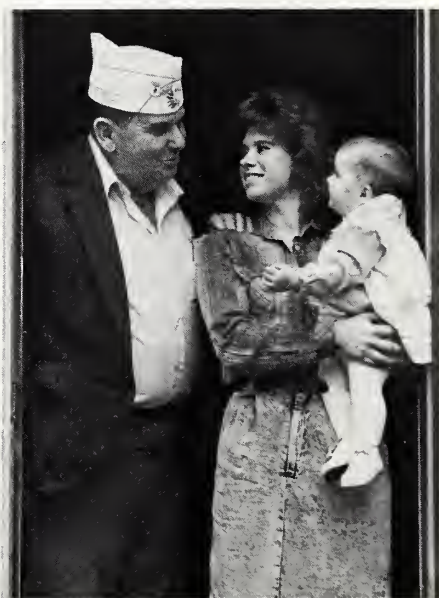
Instrumental in the promotional effort was a special trip by the Managing Editor of the American Legion Magazine and the Public Relations Photographer across the United States and to Saudi Arabia to document the Family Support Network story first-hand. Their efforts dramatically told of the human needs the Legion's program met each day around the country. In Saudi Arabia the Legion staff members covered our military efforts from a refueling tanker,

on the ground with troops preparing to move to the front lines, and in Kuwait just hours after the small country had been liberated by allied forces.

The results of these trips created special news feature mailings, provided the focal articles in the June issue of the American Legion Magazine, and have been incorporated into several audiovisual efforts of the organization.

While most of the world's attention was focused on Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm, the Public Relations Commission continued to lend support to the on-going effort to win a constitutional amendment to protect the American flag from physical desecration. A special Video News Release was distributed via satellite to television stations in conjunction with the Legion's Rally for Freedom and our Flag in September 1990. Special letters to the editor and op-ed columns have been provided upon request. Electronic distribution of media advisories and releases to more than 1,100 news outlets produced good results on this issue — including one advisory suggesting stories on how to properly fly the flag as America's patriotic spirit soared with the beginning of Operation Desert Storm.

The Public Relations Commission also provided support for the Vietnam



A young mother and her daughter receive a supporting hand from Department of Mississippi Adjutant James Herring. The family was one of more than 30,000 who called the Family Support Network of The American Legion for special help while a spouse was deployed in Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm.



It was a red, white and blue affair in Indianapolis when The American Legion brought the National Convention to the headquarters city for the first time ever in 1990. From a Saturday festival and Rally for Freedom and the Flag, through the National Convention Parade, until the closing gavel of the convention, Legionnaires displayed their love for the American Flag, and shared that devotion with every generation.

Veterans Family Assistance Program. This support included television public service announcement in 12 states and guidance to state coordinators to help them achieve increased coverage by news media within their states.

The 1990 National Convention Festival drew thousands of visitors to the lawn outside National Headquarters in Indianapolis. The successful event included a variety of musical entertainment, sky divers, static displays and plenty of food and beverage. Coupled with the 1990 Festival was a special Rally for Freedom and The Flag. Featuring Eddie Albert, the Rally drew special attention to the Legion and public support of our men and women involved in Operation Desert Shield and the on-going effort to obtain a constitutional amendment to protect the flag from physical desecration.

For 1991 the Fourth Estate Award will be presented to The Bakersfield Californian for a series of special investigative reports entitled: "Education: Who's Falling?" The eight-part series was selected for underscoring the problems of urban schools dealing with a multi-cultural

enrollment.

The 1991 National Commander's Public Relations Award was presented to Kevin Dobson in February during the Washington conference. Dobson, a star of the CBS television series "Knot's Landing," was recognized for his continuing support of veterans in Veterans Administration Hospitals.

Winners in the 1991 Department Media Awards Program were selected by the Commission in May. Awards are given for sustained coverage of Legion-interest news and events, reflecting an active public relations role on the local level. Awards went to: The Courier-Express, DuBois, Penn., Daily Newspaper of the Year; Press Gazette, Milton, Fla., Weekly Newspaper of the Year; WQRA-FM, Warrenton, Va., Radio Station of the Year; and WRC-TV, Washington, D.C., Television Station of the Year.

The Public Relations Commission continues to provide on-going promotional support for all Commissions and Committees of the organization. Included are photo features, radio and television public service announcements, video training, and creation of a float for the Indianapolis 500 Festival Parade, the second largest parade in the nation.

The efforts of the Public Relations Commission continue on a high level, and the support for the National Commander and other Legion officers continues without interruption. Suggested speeches for patriotic holidays and other special days, as well as Fact Sheets on American Legion programs and activities are provided upon request.

On behalf of all Public Relations Commission members, I thank the National Officers, members of the National Executive Committee and the many commissions, committees and their division staffs for seeking Public Relations support of their efforts.

The American Legion, now nearing 3.1 million members, continues to play an important — and often untold — role in cities and towns across America. The Public Relations Commission continues to investigate every opportunity to tell The American Legion story and provide service to our fellow veterans, their families and the nation. □



An A-10 tank-killer pulls up to an Air Force KC-135 refueling tanker as the ground war was in full swing. An American Legion writer-photographer team was in Saudi Arabia to capture the story first-hand. The Legion was the only veterans organization to send such a team to the combat zone.

Finance Commission

George W. Boucek (IL)
Chairman

Webber LaGrange (IN)
National Treasurer

Paul M. Allen, (MN)
Director



George W. Boucek

The primary obligation of the Finance Commission is to prepare a yearly budget for submission to the National Executive

Committee, the handling of funds under that budget, and the exercise of reasonable oversight to see that the various divisions and departments of the National Organization operate within the approved appropriations. The Finance Commission is composed of seven members, with the National Adjutant as ex-officio

secretary, and the National Commander and National Treasurer are ex-officio members. Also attending these meetings are the Executive Director of our Washington and Indianapolis offices and the Finance Director, as well as our Liaison observers from the National Executive Committee.

The National Organization had an operating surplus of \$737,314 for the year 1990. In 1990, we received \$5.50 dues per member, which is allocated as follows: \$2.75 to the General Fund; \$2.50 dues to The American Legion Magazine; and \$.25 to Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation.

The income of the National Organization is derived from annual membership dues, interest on investments, Magazine advertisements, Emblem sales, contributions, and other approved activities.

A full financial statement is incorporated in the Auditor's report, and in addition, your attention is directed to the Reports of Committees and Trusts which come under the jurisdiction of this Commission, which reports can be found elsewhere in the program.

American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Inc.

American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation

American Legion Life Insurance and Trust Committee

American Legion Emblem Committee

American Legion Overseas Graves Decoration Trust ☐

The American Legion Life Insurance And Trust Committee

Jerome P. Dobel, Jr. (MO),
Chairman

G. Paul Dunn (OK),
Assistant Director,
Membership Services

The American Legion Life Insurance

and Trust Committee provides oversight for the several life insurance plans currently offered by The American Legion and is assigned to the National Finance Commission.

The American Legion Life Insurance Plan (ALLIP) is now in its 33rd year of service to Legionnaires. The plan was officially approved by the National Executive Committee in February 1958. ALLIP is a level premium, annually renewable decreasing term policy with benefits based upon the age of the insured at the time of death. All Legionnaires under age 70 are eligible to apply under liberal underwriting requirements.

Effective January 1, 1990, the maximum number of available units was increased from fourteen (14) to sixteen (16). Legionnaires who were eligible for a maximum of \$128,800 protection before, can now apply for coverage up to \$147,200 in The American Legion Life Insurance Plan.

The National Executive Committee passed a resolution to grant a 15% "across the board increase" in all benefits for the calendar year 1991. This is the 23rd time in the 33 year history in which such an increase has been made. The cost per unit has never increased. It remains only \$24.00 per year.

The Plan is underwritten by Provident Life and Accident Insurance Company of Chattanooga, Tennessee. The coverage is arranged under a group policy for members in all states except permanent residents of Florida, Illinois, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Texas, and Wisconsin who are insured under individual policies. The United States Life Insurance Company in New York City insures permanent residents of New York State and Puerto Rico.

The American Legion Life Insurance Trust supports several National programs which are among the most prominent and visible activities of The American Legion. The programs are listed below with the corresponding funding for 1991.

American Legion Baseball \$512,215,
National Oratorical Contest \$241,600.
Junior Uniformed Musical Groups,
\$20,000, for participation at the
National Convention, Boy's Nation,
\$114,885, Boy Scout of the Year

Scholarship Award, \$14,000. An award of \$2,000 per year up to four years, not to exceed \$8,000, for pursuit of a course of study beyond high school. Three second place awards in the amount of \$2,000 each are also granted. Department Service Officer Training Program, \$30,000.

These requests for grants are approved by The American Legion Life Insurance and Trust Committee, the National Finance Commission and National Executive Committee.

Each year, on or about October 15, all insured Legionnaires are requested to report their next year's membership card number when renewing their coverage for the next calendar year. For further information, write to The American Legion Life Insurance Plan, 4870 Street Road, Trevose, PA 19049, or call 1-800-542-5547.

American Legion Life Guaranteed Issue (ALL GI) is a custom-designed whole life policy with cash and loan values. This plan also offers accidental death benefits. ALL GI is issued with level premium and level benefits. The plan is available to more mature Legionnaires and their spouses and is provided on a guaranteed issue basis. For more information on ALL GI insurance, call 1-800-523-5758 ext. 3189 or write to Union Fidelity Life Insurance Co., Union Fidelity Office Square, Trevose, PA 19049.

The Life Insurance and Trust Committee on behalf of the National Organization is proud to make these insurance plans available to our fellow members. ☐

Condensed Report On National Emblem Sales Division

Frank Johnston (IL)
Chairman

Alfred L. Lankenau (IN)
General Manager

The American Legion emblem is the exclusive property of the National Headquarters. The sale of the emblem,

emblem pins, merchandise carrying the emblem and other items of organizational equipment is the responsibility of the National Headquarters in Indianapolis. The following tables show gross sales, net earnings, etc., for the entire calendar year 1990 and for the first three months of 1991.

January 1, to December 31, 1990
(12 months)

Gross Sales	\$6,860,383
Cost of Goods Sold	4,005,717
Overhead	1,974,224
Operating Profit	880,442

(Number of orders processed for first 3 months of 1990 was 17,475.)

January 1, to March 31, 1991
(3 months)

Gross Sales	\$1,913,616
Cost of Goods Sold	1,017,239
Overhead	463,243
Operating Profit	433,134

(Number of orders processed for first 3 months of 1991 was 19,915.) □

Administrative Services

William D. Jackson (IN),
Executive Director

The Executive Director, whose office is located in the National Headquarters, Indianapolis, has four major responsibilities:

1) He performs such duties as may be assigned to him by the National Adjutant to assist in meeting the myriad responsibilities of that office, and during temporary absences of the National Adjutant from The American Legion National Headquarters, acts for him.

2) He heads the Administrative Services Division and through it supervises and coordinates the many administrative functions of the Indianapolis Headquarters.

3) He serves on the Personnel Committee of the Headquarters and is Chairman of the Management Review Board.

4) He coordinates computer operations, which has a MIS (Management Information Services) Director reporting to the Executive

Director.

Included in the Administrative Services Division of the Indianapolis Headquarters are the following administrative functions: Purchasing, Shipping & Receiving, General Supply & Outgoing Mail; Library, Archives, and E. A. Blackmore Museum; Printing and Communications; Maintenance; Cafeteria; Human Resources; Finance; and Insurance.

The Administrative Services Division also provides all secretarial assistance to the executive officers of The American Legion.

MIS (Management Information Services)

The Membership Processing and Operations Section moved this year to a new location. This move was required because of the growth of our MIS operations and the lack of space at 700 N. Pennsylvania Street to accommodate this growth.

A major conversion was undertaken and completed this past year. The organization changed mainframes from a NCR Criterion to an IBM AS400.

MIS is currently responsible for the following programs:

Revenue Enhancement selections for mailings, maintenance of Data Base and reporting system.

Updating of *The American Legion Magazine*, Membership, SAL, Firing Line, Advance, Commanders and Adjutants file, Legislative Bulletin, and ALNS mailing lists, and printing of labels and renewal notices.

Maintenance of the mailing lists for The American Legion Extension Institute, ACT, and the Veterans Economic Guardian.

Direct membership renewal notices and registers.

The printing of membership cards and registers, Department accounting reports, statistical information, Post questionnaire reports and Delinquent Member lists.

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The printing of Department paper mailing labels.

PUFL members updating and financial checks.

Emblem Sales invoices and reports (mini-computer in Emblem Sales).

Audit control and circulation analysis report for *The American Legion Magazine*.

Inventory control and purchase order control of National Headquarters.

General ledger financial reports.

Accounts receivable.

Accounts payable.

Retirement Investment program.

Furniture and Fixtures Inventory and Depreciation reports.

Direct mail solicitation program.

National Commission and Committee list.

Post Office carrier route discount processing on all Department labels and Direct Billing.

Select and create disks for Department Member Roster for input to the computers. Select and provide Department Membership on microfiche. □

National Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission

Chester F. Stellar, (OH)
Chairman

John Hanson (AL)
Director



Chester F. Stellar

This year again brought changes in the leadership of the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission. As Chester F. Stellar (OH) completed his first full year as

Chairman, John Hanson (AL) was

appointed Director of VA&R upon the promotion of John F. Sommer, Jr., to Executive Director, Washington Headquarters. Mr. Hanson was formerly Deputy Director of Public Relations and has been associated with the Legion for seven years.

The Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission is the keystone program of the American Legion and is considered the essential reason for the founding of the Legion in 1919. As such, the program has three principal elements. First is the service provided by the National Staff to Department and Post Service Officers in developing and presenting claims and in dealing with other problems related to veterans benefit programs. The second element is the continuing effort to protect and improve veterans benefits through legislative channels by working with Congressional Committees and by maintaining negotiations and liaison with the Executive Branch of the Federal Government via the Department of Veterans Affairs. VA&R staff appeared in Congress as many as fifteen times this past year to support and defend veterans benefits programs. The third element of the VA&R program is oversight of the Department of Veterans Affairs. This department is one of the largest Federal agencies with nearly 250,000 employees. 196,000 of these employees are in veterans health care services. The VA is responsible for the administration of over \$33 billion each year in veterans benefits. The VA&R Commission keeps a finger on the pulse of the VA to assure its mission to "care for those who have borne the battle" is carried out as a timely service to U.S. veterans and their families.

The Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission staff has had a most challenging year. Of major impact in 1990-91 was the passage of the "Congressional Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990," which was an attempt on the part of the Congress and the Department of Veterans Affairs to obtain an acceptable level of funding approved for the operations and benefits programs of the Department. The passage of this legislation was successful in avoiding the disastrous impact of sequestration

of funds under the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Act, but required the VA to impose cost-saving measures of \$621 million in 1991 and \$3.6 billion over a five year period. These measures took the form of severe cuts in many veterans benefits. Most significant were the elimination of the headstone, plot and marker allowance, the cessation of compensation payments to non-hospitalized incompetent veterans with an estate over \$25,000, elimination of the presumption of permanent and total disability at age 65, limiting the pension of veterans eligible for Medicaid who are confined to a Medicaid approved nursing home, and termination of service-connected status for disability which resulted from abuse of drugs or alcohol. The VA&R Commission has and will continue to fight for the reinstatement of those lost benefits.

The existing level of funding for VA programs perpetuated the *status quo* and provided no funds for needed new programs nor the personnel to support them. Efforts of the Commission helped in obtaining an increase of \$1 billion in funding in each of the last two fiscal years. The majority of these new funds were allocated to VA medical care.

The VA&R staff continues its battle to eliminate the means test as a criterion for access to VA medical care. The Legion maintains its opposition to changes in eligibility such as implementation of *discretionary* and *non-discretionary* categories for access to medical care and the VA&R Commission speaks loudly to the VA and in Congress to let our opposition be heard.

The VA medical care system appears to have demonstrated a deterioration in the quality of medical care as indicated in reports of poor care and even deaths due to that poor care. Media reports, substantiated by the VA, documenting problems at VAMCs in North Chicago, Cleveland and elsewhere have led to investigations by the Inspector General and other agencies. The Legion has made it clear to the Department of Veterans Affairs that continued symptoms of deterioration could result in a withdrawal of Legion support for VA medical care programs. The American Legion cannot support a

system which provides poor or marginal care to our veterans.

A good deal of activity in the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission in recent months has been focused on problems within the VA's National Cemetery System. Photographs of appalling conditions at the Riverside (CA) National Cemetery including sunken graves and fallen gravestones surrounded by a sea of mud, precipitated both Legion and Congressional inquiries. The National Cemetery System which has been historically underfunded, has received an infusion of funds for this fiscal year and increased funding for years to follow thanks to the efforts of the Legion's Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission in the VA and in Congress. The management of the NCS has also been reorganized.

It has been over 25 years since an agency outside the VA took a good, long look at the VA medical care system in regard to its effectiveness, efficiency, accessibility, acceptability and ability to carry out its varying missions. With that in mind, VA Secretary Edward Derwinski appointed the Commission on the Future Structure of Veterans Health Care to examine, in depth, the existing system and project the needs of the system in the year 2010. The Commission consists of fifteen health care professionals with varying backgrounds, none of whom are presently affiliated with the Department of Veterans Affairs. They have met on five occasions in various parts of the country and are expected to report



Dr. Jeanne Stellman accepts awards presented to her and Dr. Steven Stellman by National Commander Turner for their significant contribution to The American Legion's study of the problems of Vietnam Veterans. Looking on is VA&R Chairman Chester F. Stellar of Ohio.



VA&R Vice-Chairman A.V. "Bubba" Akin (GA) introduces Secretary of Veterans Affairs Edward J. Derwinski to the VA&R Conference February, 1991 in Washington, DC.

their findings and recommendations in September of this year. VA&R staff closely monitor the activities of the Commission and are expressing the views of the Legion regularly through testimony before the Commission.

The American Legion has collaborated with various Congressional Committees in the development of the Persian Gulf War Veterans Assistance Act of 1991 (PL 102-25), which increases benefits in the GI Bill educational assistance program for both active duty personnel and Guard/Reserve members. This is the first increase since the current GI Bill was implemented on July 1, 1985. The measure also establishes a small business program, extends job placement efforts, expands home loan eligibility, increases life insurance coverage, enhances health care services, authorizes readjustment counseling and provides financial support to Persian Gulf War veterans. The bill also establishes August 2, 1990, as the beginning of the Persian Gulf War for veterans benefits purposes.

Continuing to set the pace as a champion of the nation's armed services personnel and their families, The American Legion, in response to a resolution emanating from the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission, is calling upon the Congress to enact a *new* GI Bill of Rights for the men and women who served in Operation Desert Storm. The legislative action sought by the Legion would establish a package of educational benefits commensurate with those provided veterans of WWII and the Korean and Vietnam wars so as to provide for the readjustment of

this most recent generation of war veterans to reflect the gratitude of the citizens of this nation for their honorable military service. The program provides for the opportunity to obtain vocational/technical schooling in addition to a traditional college education.

The American Legion's Vietnam Veterans Family Assistance Program, coordinated through the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission, provides outreach and social service referrals for Vietnam veterans and their families, particularly those with children with birth defects and other developmental disabilities. The program has now been established in 12 states across the country. The primary focus of the program is to identify existing agencies and programs which can provide free service and to act as a link between the veteran and the service provider. Coordinators in NY, PA, KY, KS, OK, OR, IL, IN, MI, MN, MO and NM are obtaining the needed counseling, support resources or care for children with birth defects. Plans to expand the program to 16 to 18 states are underway during the third year of operations.

On February 7, 1991, the President signed into law the "Agent Orange Act of 1991," which represents a compromise toward an interim resolution of the controversy concerning the effects of Agent Orange on the health of veterans who served in Vietnam. The new law ratifies the Department of Veterans Affairs decision to provide permanent disability benefits to veterans suffering from non-Hodgkins lymphoma and soft-tissue sarcomas. In addition, veterans who were diagnosed with chloracne within a year of their service in Vietnam are now entitled to permanent total disability benefits for that condition. The law also shifts the responsibility for independent scientific reviews of Agent Orange research to the National Academy of Sciences.

In addition, the American Legion continues to press forward with our law suit filed on August 2, 1990, to obtain the promised major epidemiological study of the US ground troops that were exposed to Agent Orange.

Chairman Stellar (OH) and the

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission staff are continuing to monitor legislative and administrative activities in such areas of Post-traumatic Stress Disorder treatment, medical research, aging veterans, women veterans, AIDs, VA/DoD sharing of facilities and the U.S. Court of Veterans Appeals and will take appropriate action to exemplify The American Legion's ongoing commitment to veterans, their dependents and survivors. □

National Security Commission

William O. Moore, Jr. (KY)
Chairman

G. Michale Schlee (MD)
Director



William O. Moore, Jr.

The National Security Commission, its Standing Committees, and the National Security Council had a very active and fruitful year in 1990-91.

On August 22, 1990, one-hundred and thirty-six members and guests of the National Security Commission traveled to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base to visit the United States Air Force Logistics Command and the Air Force Museum. The visit began with a superb reception and dinner hosted by American Legion Post 526 located near the Base in Fairborn, Ohio. The Commission Chairman presented The American Legion's Certificate of Appreciation to the Post Commander.

The following morning, Commission members were welcomed by the Commanding General and received a mission briefing and a threat overview

on the Soviet technological challenge. This was followed by a presentation on such aeronautical systems as the National Aero-Space Plane, Advanced Tactical Fighter, B1 and B-2 bombers, the Stealth Fighter-Bomber, and the C-17 aircraft.

The Commission enjoyed lunch at the Non-Commissioned Officers Club and hosted six Non-Commissioned Officers and Airmen of the Quarter. Following the luncheon, the group toured the Air Force Museum, the world's oldest and largest military aviation museum.

On the following day, the Commission traveled to Camp Atterbury, Indiana, one of the major training sites for the Reserve Components, including elements of the 38th Infantry Division Cyclones (Indiana Army National Guard). Besides an overview of missions, equipment and readiness status of the Reserve components, the visit included a trip to the Aerial Gunnery Range to view A-10 aircraft bombing and strafing runs. This particular visit enhanced an understanding of the role of the Reserve Components as part of the Total Force.

PRE-CONVENTION MEETINGS

The National Security Commission met at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 25, in joint session with the Foreign Relations Commission to hear Mr. William Harris, Senior Vice President, U.S. Council for Energy Awareness, speak on the case for U.S. energy independence. He was followed by Colonel Sjouke De Jong, the Royal Netherlands Army Reserve Affairs Advisor to the Supreme Allied Command Europe, who presented an update of changes within NATO. His message was that the Russians have not gone away, and that they remained a formidable threat to Western and NATO interests. Finally, Mr. Alan Waden, a commentator from Radio Station WBAL in Baltimore, Maryland, presented his perspectives on world affairs. That afternoon, the National Security Commission conducted a comprehensive review of all the resolutions assigned to the National Convention Committee on Security. No other business was conducted.

BLOOD DONOR ACTIVITIES

The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary continue to be principal sources of supply for blood. Through our vast network of Posts and Units organized into Department programs, Legionnaires and Auxiliary members through a variety of programs continue to supply the blood needs of their own members, hospitalized veterans and through cooperative agreements to patients in civilian hospitals. In this past year, the Program has continued to grow.

NATIONAL COMMANDER AWARDS

To stimulate activities on the part of Departments and Posts, annual awards are made by the National Commander. During the period from June 1, 1989 through May 31, 1990, many Departments of The American Legion actively participated in the Blood Donor Program. The criteria for the National Commander's Awards for Post and Individual participation was based on Resolution 14, adopted at the Spring meetings, May 8-9, 1985, of the National Executive Committee. The resolution provides that Departments be placed in one of five groups based on the size of the Department, using criteria established by the Membership and Post Activities Committee. Each winning Department has received a Certificate of Recognition signed by National Commander Miles S. Epling and National Adjutant Robert W. Spanogle.

Departments having ROTC units supported ROTC programs by either awarding or encouraging Posts under their jurisdiction to award and participate in The American Legion's ROTC Medal Program. Response to this Program has been outstanding. During the period from July 1, 1989 to June 30, 1990, over 6,000 medals were awarded to deserving ROTC and Junior ROTC candidates. Presentations of medals were made to ROTC units in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and in overseas Departments.

PAUL H. GRIFFITH ROTC TROPHY

The National Executive Committee



The American Legion Military Excellence Award is presented to Air Force Junior ROTC Cadet Colonel Becky Mejia who graduated from Harlingen High School in Texas. Presentations were made by Lamar Martinez from Post #205. Miss Mejia has been appointed to attend the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, MD.

at their October 1975 meeting approved Resolution 21 which established the Paul H. Griffith Trophy for the ROTC Program in their states during the year. The trophy honors the memory of Past National Commander Paul H. Griffith, who served as an Assistant Secretary of Defense, and throughout his lifetime maintained an active interest and participation in our nation's defense.

Criterion for judging the winner of the trophy is based on the Department or Departments giving the greatest degree of support to ROTC programs to include the number of medals presented and Legion participation in award day ceremonies. Last year's winners of the Paul H. Griffith Trophy were the Departments of Alaska, Delaware, Florida and Minnesota. □

Blood Drive Civic Plaza Convention Center Hall "C"

Times 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Saturday, August 31
Tuesday, September 3
Wednesday, September 4

The American Legion Magazine Commission

Milford A. Forrester (SC)
Chairman

Daniel S. Wheeler (VA),
Publisher/Editor-in-Chief



Milford A. Forrester

know — the American wartime veteran.

In the past year, The American Legion has increased its marketability while reporting world and national news from the perspective all Legionnaires

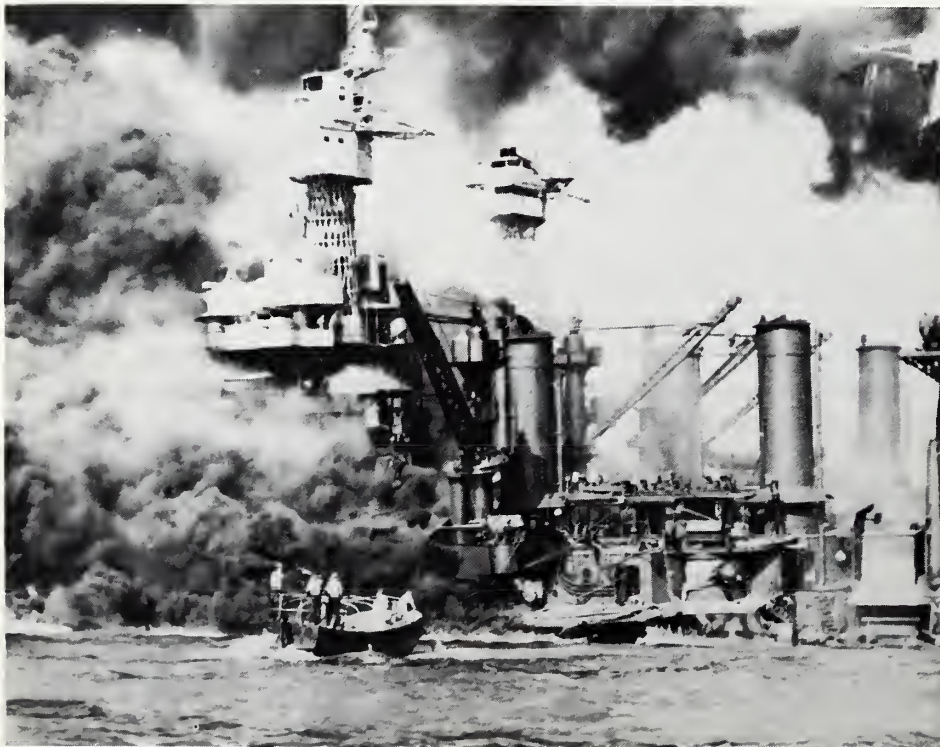
Commemorating the 50th anniversary of World War II, The American Legion Magazine will publish a special, expanded WWII edition in September. The WWII issue, which is expected to generate about \$1 million in advertising revenue, will feature stories about America's entry into the war, the spirit of the country during the war, a chronology of the war, and the eventual Allied victory. The WWII issue will also include never-before-published photographs, including rare color photographs, and in one section of the issue, readers offer their memories of the war through "letters."

While the magazine commemorates the 50th anniversary of World War II, it continues to report on major news events and publish interviews with the nation's leaders. Hours after U.S. troops stormed into Kuwait City, the American Legion Magazine was on the scene, chronicling the war unlike any other media, with the June issue of the magazine featuring the Legion's coverage of Operation Desert Storm. Throughout the year, the magazine has continually covered Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm. For example, when Legion leaders traveled to Saudi Arabia this past fall, their experiences and observations about the morale of the U.S. troops were reported in the

January issue. Also, The American Legion Magazine traveled from Pennsylvania to California to tell the stories of those who received assistance from the Family Support Network, with a two-part story in the May and June issues.

This year, because of the special WWII issue and coverage of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, The American Legion Magazine has increased its marketability. As a result of this increased marketability, Buick and Canadian Mist, two major advertisers, are scheduled to run advertising in the coming year. With these new, major advertisers and the continued success of advertising sales, the magazine is on track to attain its 1991 advertising revenue goal of \$7.25 million. For the sixth consecutive year, The American Legion Magazine has recorded substantial advertising revenue increases. In a time when many magazines have lost revenue and had fewer advertising pages, The American Legion Magazine has shown steady growth. In 1990, the magazine surpassed its advertising revenue goal of \$6.25 million by about \$500,000. During this year, the April and June issue attained record advertising revenues, and The American Legion Magazine is known as the largest seller of direct-market advertising in the country. Advertising revenue is generated through Publisher's Representative Fox Associates Inc., with a 17-person sales staff that has attracted the attention of advertisers with strategies such as giving away U.S. Flags during sales calls.

In addition to continued strong advertising revenues, The American Legion Magazine has launched revenue enhancement projects and implemented other changes which have helped offset postal rate increases that added about \$1.2 million to the magazine's annual postal expenses. The weight of the magazine's body paper was changed slightly to save the magazine about \$500,000 per year, and the process of mailing the magazines was also altered to produce savings of several thousand dollars per month. The revenue enhancement projects undertaken by the magazine include the 900 telephone number services of VetNet and Vetvoice. VetNet,



A motor launch rescues a survivor alongside the sunken USS West Virginia during the attack on Pearl Harbor. This photograph from the National Archives will be the cover illustration for the September WWII issue of The American Legion Magazine.

created from the magazine's Outfit Reunion department, allows callers to receive up-to-date reunion information through a telephone "voice mail" system. VetNet is estimated to produce \$200,000 in revenues in 1991. Vetvoice, an electronic "letters to the editor" service, allows callers to vote on current issues, record their opinions and listen to opinions of others. It is expected to generate \$20,000 in 1991. In addition, The American Legion Magazine will offer production services for advertisers, and expects \$165,000 in revenue from those services.

Each month, the magazine's goal is to produce a quality, informative magazine for Legionnaires. The magazine also has long-term goals such as continuing to increase marketability, securing major advertisers, and offsetting postal rate increases with revenue enhancement projects. Each month, the magazine helps the Legion face challenges such as assisting veterans exposed to Agent Orange by reporting on veterans' issues. As the 19th largest circulation magazine in the nation, and as the official magazine of The American Legion, the magazine provides tangible evidence of the Legion's devotion to God and country. □

Foreign Relations Commission

William M. Detweiler, (LA)
Chairman

G. Michael Schlee (MD),
Director



William M. Detweiler

Over the past year, the Foreign Relations Commission stressed support for a strong U.S. response to Iraqi aggression in Kuwait,

emerging democracies in Eastern Europe and Central America, and increasing public awareness of POW/MIA issues.

National Commander Robert S. Turner urged implementation of The American Legion's foreign relations program during meetings with a wide variety of U.S. Government officials both at home and abroad. The Commission also worked closely with the Legislative Commission in seeking favorable actions in Congress and pursued many other methods of implementing policy mandates.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

The Honorable Christopher Jehn, Assistant Secretary of Defense (Force Management and Personnel), emphasized that the success of Operation Desert Storm reflected the competence and professionalism of our Armed Forces and highlighted the unparalleled success of the All Volunteer Force. The Department of Defense has no intention to return to a draft. Today's force is more experienced and mature and better able to cope with the stresses of combat, and our enlisted members come from backgrounds with nearly the same socio-economic status as the national average. The Administration's FY 1992-93 budget request supports the new U.S. defense strategy which is to streamline and restructure the Armed Forces within fiscal constraints.

Mr. Arthur Hughes, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Near East and South Asian Affairs, stated that future guidelines for U.S. actions in the Persian Gulf will be: a new regional security structure is essential, our friends must take the lead, major U.S. interests will persist, the United States is ready to take a somewhat larger commitment by prepositioning equipment but with only small forces deployed, a multilateral approach is required, Iraq's offensive capability and nuclear and chemical capabilities must be controlled, and indiscriminate arms sales must be halted.

Captain G. Russell Evans, USCG (Ret.), National Security Center, and Mr. L. Francis Bouchey, President, Council for Inter-American Security, conducted a symposium on the future of the

Panama Canal treaties. Captain Evans said that instead of the United States passing full control of the Panama Canal to Panama in 2000 (as specified in the operational treaty) the United States and Panama should establish a partnership to operate the Panama Canal similar to the present Panama Canal Commission. Mr. Bouchey stated that it is too late to try scrapping the operational treaty; however, the security treaty should be corrected by providing for a continued U.S. military presence in Panama after 2000, U.S. retention of key military bases in Panama after 2000, priority passage of U.S. naval vessels through the Panama Canal in wartime, and rights for introduction of U.S. military forces into Panama in times of emergency.

General George M. Loh, Vice Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force, spoke on the status of the U.S. Air Force. He thanked The American Legion for steadfast support over many years for a strong military defense. Such efforts ensured that the highly successful weapons and well-trained troops were ready and able to defeat Saddam Hussein's aggression in Kuwait. The factors making for great success in the air war of operation Desert Storm were firepower, training, technology, flexibility, precision, speed, and night operations. Eight F-15s were able to do comparable damage to 1,000 B-17s of World War II, exposing only 16 airmen to enemy fire rather than 32,000.

POW/MIA UPDATE

Mr. Kris Kolesnik, Legislative Assistant to Senator Charles E. Grassley, discussed the Interim Report on the Southeast Asian POW/MIA Issue by the U.S. Senate Committee of Foreign Relations Republican Staff. The report sought to answer three questions: "(1) Does the U.S. Government possess valid information concerning living POWs in Southeast Asia? (2) Has the U.S. Government failed to act on information concerning living POWs in Southeast Asia? (3) Has the U.S. Government acted improperly to intimidate, coerce, or discredit sources which have valid information concerning living POWs in Southeast Asia?" Specific answers to these questions will be contained in the final report to be issued at a future date. □

Convention Commission

James J. Charleston, (IL)
Chairman

Robert P. Radke, (OH)
Director



James J. Charleston

The 72nd Annual Convention of The American Legion was held in the National Headquarters City of Indianapolis, IN, August 24-30, 1990.

All Convention events were well attended and highly successful.

Highlights of the General Sessions were the patriotic audio-visual opening of the first session, with National Commander Miles S. Epling thanking all of the men and women of The American Legion for their unending efforts in seeking a Constitutional Amendment to protect our Flag. He also commended those Departments and Legionnaires who contributed to the successful membership accomplishments during the past year where membership again surpassed the three million mark.

Appearances and addresses to the Convention were made by the Honorable J. Danforth Quayle, Vice President of the United States; Honorable Edward J. Derwinski, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; General Colin L. Powell, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff and Dr. Michael E. DeBakey, noted heart specialist and recipient of The American Legion Distinguished Service Award.

Festival '90 held at The American Legion Mall, adjacent to National Headquarters, provided over five hours of patriotism, pageantry and entertainment for upward of 15,000 spectators.

Highly successful were the Memorial Service on Sunday morning and the Parade on Sunday afternoon. The

Parade provided over four hours of pageantry, color and music. Legionnaires and special guests enjoyed the National Commander's Banquet on Tuesday evening.

The City of Indianapolis, The American Legion National Convention Corporation of Indiana, the Department of Indiana and the National Staff were commended for their efforts in conducting another highly successful Convention.

UNIFORM GROUP CONTESTS

Uniformed Group competitions were held on Saturday with the following units emerging as National Champions:

Senior Concert Band —

American Legion Band of
Tonawandas

Post 264, Tonawanda, NY

Senior Color Guard —

The Rifles — Senior Color Guard
Post 6, Springfield, OH

To encourage and give small Color Guard units an opportunity to compete, the Senior Color Guard Contest has been divided into two classes for 1991, the Military Class and the Open Class. New contest rules have been sent out to all interested units with the new rules to be effective at the Phoenix Convention in 1991.

COMMISSION MEETINGS

At the Spring Meeting of the Convention Commission, Gilbert E. "Gib" Sheeks, NEC (Indiana) and President of the National Convention Corporation of Indiana, thanked all who contributed to the success of the Convention. He also reported that the final audit showed that the Convention was a financial success.

Bids for the 1996 National Convention were received from the cities of Cincinnati, OH; Milwaukee, WI; New Orleans, LA and San Antonio, TX. After hearing four excellent presentations on behalf of the cities, the Commission voted to recommend to the National Executive Committee that the 1996 tentative award be given to San Antonio, TX. The NEC approved the recommendation.

Progress reports from cities awarded future Conventions were made indicating that all planning for future Conventions is proceeding on schedule.

The National Convention Corporation of Arizona reports that all planning is on schedule for the Phoenix Convention. A large attendance is expected to enjoy the resort atmosphere and excellent hotel facilities in the Phoenix area.

The primary function of the Convention Commission is to review invitations from interested cities and recommend sites for future Conventions. Upon approval by the National Executive Committee, those recommended cities receive tentative awards. Cities are selected five years in advance. The Commission oversees Convention activities, critiques each Convention and is responsible for the activities of the Distinguished Guests Committee and the Convention Uniformed Groups Contests.

DATES AND LOCATIONS OF FUTURE CONVENTIONS

Chicago, IL	August 21-27, 1992
Pittsburgh, PA	Sept. 3-9, 1993 (T)
Minneapolis, MN	Sept. 2-8, 1994 (T)
Portland, OR	Sept. 1-7, 1995 (T)
San Antonio, TX	Aug. 30-Sept. 5, 1996 (T)

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Distinguished Guests Committee

Allen L. Titus (IN),
Chairman

The Distinguished Guests Committee operates under the umbrella of the Convention Commission and is directed to assume the responsibility of coordinating the activities of those persons invited to attend the National Convention as Distinguished Guests. The Committee arranges transportation requirements upon arrival and departure at the Convention city and also provides such services to the various events which the guests wish to attend.

Proper credentials, agendas, itineraries and other necessary details are all part of this operation and

special requests are honored when possible.

Many of the functions of this Committee were programmed into a computer. This proved to be most helpful in carrying out the functions of the Committee and will be continued at future Conventions. □

National Legislative Commission

Charles Pessio (NY)
Chairman

Philip Riggins (MD),
Director



Charles Pessio

The primary purpose of the National Legislative Commission is to promote the legislative mandates of The American Legion before the United States

Congress. The legislative program is dictated by resolutions adopted at either a National Convention or meetings of the National Executive Committee.

The Legislative Commission does not set policy for The American Legion. The commission, through its Washington, DC legislative staff, concentrates its efforts on carrying out Legion objectives. A variety of Legion publications help to keep the members of The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary abreast of congressional activity affecting veterans, the nation's defense posture and other matters of principal concern to our organization.

As a result of National Convention and National Executive Committee action, The American Legion's legislative portfolio involves issues ranging from immigration policy to military weapons systems. Presenting Legion opinion or policy on these

matters requires testimony at 40-50 congressional committee hearings each year.

The single most compelling issue which the Legion dealt with in the past year was the crisis in the Persian Gulf. By the beginning of 1991, over half a million American military personnel had been sent to the region, including many National Guard and Reserve personnel called up to active duty to become part of the multinational forces in the Persian Gulf.

On January 10, both chambers of Congress began two days of debate regarding President Bush's request for permission to use force to eject Iraqi troops from Kuwait. Some members of Congress felt that the economic sanctions then in place should be given more time to work. In a letter to all senators and representatives on January 10, National Commander Turner urged support for the President's request for use of military force after more than 40 hours of debate, both the House and Senate passed resolutions authorizing use of U.S. armed forces.

After the Persian Gulf War was successfully ended, Congress approved legislation which renders assistance to war veterans in readjustment counseling, employment services and similar areas. Another law enacted in early 1991 will increase payments to Montgomery GI Bill recipients for the first time since the program was initiated.

As the budget process got underway in 1991, new guidelines were put in place as a result of the "budget summit" agreement that was reached in late 1990. Congressional members will find that the pool of money to finance new programs or to expand existing ones is even smaller than in recent years. For example, it will no longer be possible to expand a domestic program by diverting money from the defense budget or the foreign aid account. These categories will be generally treated as separate pools of money.

Following a pattern repeated during the past decade, the Department of Veterans Affairs health care account continues to be a problem area. Despite a proposed funding level of \$13.2 billion for Fiscal Year 1992, our

organization has informed Congress that veterans health care would need a minimum of \$14 billion to accomplish the same mission, especially as the number of older veterans continues to increase. In order for other VA accounts to carry out their assigned missions, The American Legion will be seeking minimum funding of \$280 million for medical research and \$900 million for regional office operations.

As 1991 began, The American Legion was in the forefront of support for passage of cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for veterans and dependents compensation payments which had not been acted upon by Congress prior to adjournment in October of 1990. This COLA measure became law in February 1991 along with an Agent Orange proposal that was also left over from 1990.

Last year the so-called "peace dividend" was being embraced by many congressional members as Cold War tensions began to ease. The Persian Gulf War has served to intensify debate in Congress and the nation at large about the future role of the military with regard to the emergence of democratic governments in eastern Europe and projected downsizing of the armed forces. In April, a list of military bases slated for closure or reduced levels of operation was presented to Congress for its consideration and approval. The recently-ended Middle East conflict demonstrates that U.S. armed forces will need to be as vigilant and battle-ready as ever, and that proposed bases closures and downsizing of this nation's armed forces should be examined very carefully before being implemented.

Major policy issues in the areas of national defense and veterans affairs will demand The American Legion attention throughout the remaining months of 1991 and well into 1992. In the state legislature arena, our organization will continue its campaign to generate resolutions urging Congress to reconsider its position on a constitutional amendment to protect the U.S. flag from desecration. The Legion's legislative activities over the next 12 months will focus on these issues in addition to various priority resolutions adopted by the 1991 National Convention. □

National Economic Commission

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americans have the opportunity to provide, with honor and dignity, the economic necessities of life for themselves and their families. In order to achieve this goal, the commission and its committees maintain a close working relationship with such governmental agencies as the Department of Labor, the Office of Personnel Management, the Small Business Administration, as well as the Loan Guaranty and Vocational Rehabilitation Service of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

The commission's staff, in conjunction with that of the National Legislative Commission, also works with Congress on legislative matters that would promote employment and training opportunities for veterans or otherwise improve the quality of service and benefits as provided by Chapters 21, 31, 37, 41, 42, and 43 of Title 38, United States Code.

Since the adjournment of the Seventy-second Annual National Convention in Indianapolis, the National Economic Commission and its two committees have met on three separate occasions. A brief synopsis of those three meetings follows.

FALL 1990 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

An executive session of the National Economic Commission was held on October 15-16, 1990, for the purpose of considering twelve resolutions that had been referred from the Indianapolis Convention.

Of the resolutions that were acted on, one which dealt with the allocation of Local Veterans Employment Representatives and the funding for those positions was recommended for approval as amended. Seven similar resolutions were recommended to be received and recorded.

One resolution which called on The American Legion to establish an awards program for outstanding Local Veterans Employment Representatives and Disabled Veterans Outreach Program specialists was recommended to be held for study. When the NEC approved this recommendation, the chairman of economics appointed three other commission members to serve with him on a special subcommittee to study the feasibility of implementing such a program. The subcommittee met during the Thirty-first Annual Washington Conference and approved the proposal. It was subsequently referred to the Internal Affairs Division at the Spring 1991 NEC meeting for further study.

One resolution asked for an amendment to Title 38 to redefine the term "veteran" to include National Guard and Reserve personnel who have served on active duty for at least one year and have an honorable discharge. The commission recommended rejection because people in this category are already included in the definition of a veteran.

A second resolution was also recommended for rejection. It was seeking legislation to mandate Department of Defense funding for work done by Department of Labor personnel in the area of veterans' reemployment rights. The reason for this recommendation was that, because of a budget agreement, DoD's budget had been cut by \$40 billion it did not have the funds available to pay DoL for this service.

The final resolution considered by the commission called on the Legion to urge the assistant secretary of labor for veterans' employment and training to involve the Veterans' Employment



Thomas E. Collins III, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans Employment greets National Commander Robert S. Turner during the 1991 Washington Conference.

and Training Service in the formulation of DoL policy. Since VETS and veterans' service organizations are already involved in this process, the resolution was recommended to be received and recorded.

The NEC met on October 17-18, 1990, and approved all the commission's recommendations.

1991 WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

Prior to the start of the Thirty-first Annual Washington Conference, a special subcommittee of the National Economic Commission met in the Sheraton Washington Hotel to study the feasibility of setting up an awards program to recognize outstanding Local Veterans Employment Representatives and Disabled Veterans Outreach Program specialists. The impetus for this study stemmed from a resolution that the Department of Montana had submitted to the 1990 National convention. The delegates to that convention recommended that it be held for further study.

After a great deal of discussion the members of the subcommittee voted unanimously to recommend that the National Economic Commission approve the proposal. Once it was approved by the commission, Montana's resolution was referred to Internal Affairs and the National Executive Committee for further study

and final approval.

The National Economic Commission met in executive sessions on Monday, Feb. 25, and Wednesday, Feb. 27, 1991. Six speakers addressed the commission's members on a variety of economic issues. A brief synopsis of those addresses follows:

The first speaker of the morning was George Wolohojian, budget director for the Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs. Wolohojian discussed in some detail the process of developing the agency's annual budget. He stated that he deals continuously with three years' budget: the previous year's, the current year's, and the upcoming year's budget. Last year's figure for any item is used to update this year's figure and the two are used to estimate next year's need for that area.

Wolohojian gave attendees an overview of the convoluted process used to develop each year's budget. Each agency and office within the VA sends figures to the secretary, about eighteen months before the beginning of the fiscal year being planned for. The secretary sends the combined figures to the Office of Management and Budget, which adjusts the figures to fit the president's priorities and passes them back to VA. This passback traditionally takes place on the eve of Thanksgiving. VA can then appeal OMB's changes. After appeal, the budget proposal is given to the president for him to submit to Congress. At this point, the proposal is published and given considerable press attention, as well as scrutiny by congressional staff persons. Congress is likely to make its own changes before final approval. As we have seen, final approval may not take place until after the beginning (on Oct. 1) of the fiscal year to which the budget applies.

Wolohojian stated that for unexpected events such as Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm, the VA submits a request for a supplemental appropriation for the current year, and then an amendment of the next year's budget.

Following Wolohojian, the attendees were addressed by Emily DeRocco, executive director of the Interstate Conference of Employment Security Agencies. Ms. DeRocco spoke on

unemployment insurance, the employment service, and the Federal Unemployment Trust Account. She stated that at present, the unemployment rate is going up, and unemployment insurance funds are being depleted. She also said that a measure is currently on Capitol Hill to bring unemployment compensation for ex-servicemen up to the level for civilians.

Ms. DeRocco asserted that today's employment service is in real trouble, after a decade of reductions in resource and staff. ICESA is trying to help revitalize it through Congress — has been, in fact, since 1937! The employment service was created in 1933.

In Ms. DeRocco's words, the Federal Unemployment Trust Account funds are being held hostage to the federal deficit, and many states are taxing employers a second time to provide employment services for workers in that state. H.R. 888 proposes that FUTA be removed from the federal unified budget.

Ms. DeRocco emphasized the unity of interest of business, organized labor, and veterans in maintaining a strong employment service, Veterans' Employment and Training Service, and National Veterans Training Institute.

Third speaker of the morning session was the Honorable Thomas E. Collins, III, assistant secretary of labor for veterans' employment and training. He said that Labor Secretary Lynn Martin is very supportive of veterans' programs, and stated that his own mission is to welcome Desert Storm veterans back into good jobs. His main emphases currently are on maintaining state grants for Local Veterans Employment Representatives and Disabled Veterans Outreach Program specialists, and on enforcement of veterans' reemployment rights. Another important area of concern and action for him is transition assistance for veterans of Desert Storm and for separatenes of the armed forces as they downsize for peacetime. A training program before separation in how to seek and find a civilian job saves a great deal of unemployment compensation and other benefit money after separation.

After a break for lunch, members

were addressed by Robert Carbonneau, special assistant for veterans' employment at the Office of Personnel Management. He stated that his main areas of concern at present are Desert Storm benefits, the Veterans' Readjustment Appointment authority, the memorandum of understanding with the Labor Department regarding veteran preference, and the Disabled Veterans' Affirmative Active Program.

Carbonneau informed his listeners that veterans of Operation Desert Storm will receive preference in hiring for federal jobs.

Cari Dominguez, director of the Labor Department's Office of Federal Contract Compliance, was the final speaker of the afternoon. She assured her audience that Secretary Martin wants to ensure a smooth transition from military to civilian employment for all veterans and military separatens. The Labor Department's job is to provide for that transition. Ms. Dominguez has enforcement responsibilities for laws concerning veterans' employment in firms which have government contracts.

Ms. Dominguez stated that OFCCP works with the assistant secretary for veterans' employment and training to ensure maximum compliance in the matter of veteran preference.

An attendee commented that where OFCCP sends representatives to talk to prospective contractors about their legal requirements in hiring veterans, women, minorities, and persons with disabilities, there is less need for enforcement activity after contracts are awarded, and that federal money can be saved thereby. Ms. Dominguez agreed.

On Tuesday, Feb. 26, 1991, following the Legislative Rally, a special five-member employer awards subcommittee was convened. The purpose of this subcommittee, which was made up of members of the commission and its committees, was to review all of the nominations that had been received in the Employer of the Year Awards Program during 1990, and to select a winner and a runner-up in both the large and small employer categories. Representative from the two winning companies have been invited to come to the 73rd National Convention to receive the national

employer awards.

The members of the subcommittee considered 46 employer nominations from 27 departments. Of those nominations, 15 were for small and 15 were for large employers. The remaining 16 nominations (six large and ten small) were, for one reason or another, ineligible for the national awards. Additionally, two nominations were received too late to be considered.

Prior to the business session on Wednesday, the commission members were addressed by Martin Sicker, PhD, director of the worker equity program at the American Association of Retired Persons. Sicker suggested that retirement is an obsolete idea. German Chancellor Otto von Bismarck originated it, proposing that a pension be given to anyone who managed to live to the ripe old age of sixty-five. Few people of his time did.

Nowadays, however, many people live well past that age and remain physically and mentally fit and capable of contributing to society for many years. Therefore, planning is necessary in order that these years not be wasted for the individual or for society.

Sicker observed that early retirement tends to look less appealing after a few years because benefits either run out or do not increase with the cost of living. Hobbies and pleasure activities pale after a time and people want to do something useful again. Therefore, retirement can be thought of as a transition from one kind of career to another, rather than as the end of one's career. AARP can help people plan for their retirements, and Sicker proposed



Richard (Rick) Weidman, Veterans Program Administrator for New York State Department of Labor addresses the 1991 National Economic Commission meetings held in Washington.

that the Legion and AARP could work together to make this kind of planning available to more people.

During the business session the chairman of the LVER/DVOP Awards Subcommittee, Robert Vincelette (VT), and James A. McMahon (ME), chairman of the Employer Awards Subcommittee, presented their reports. After a brief discussion, the commission members voted unanimously to adopt both reports.

The Economic staff then reported on recent Congressional testimony and the status of the commission's ongoing projects and programs. A discussion was also held on possible speakers and topics for the commission's meetings during the 1991 National Convention to be held in Phoenix.

SPRING 1991 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Members of the National Economic Commission and its two committees met in executive session on April 29 and 30, 1991. The purpose of this meeting was to consider three resolutions that had been assigned to the commission. Of those resolutions, one was recommended for approval and the other two were referred to the Internal Affairs Division for further study.

The resolution that was recommended for approval emanated from a joint meeting of the Veterans Planning and Coordinating Committee and the Policy Coordination and Action Group held in Washington, DC, on April 15-16, 1991. That resolution requested that the Legion seek legislation to provide a tax credit for employers that go beyond the letter of the law in providing benefits to employees who are also reservists and Guardsmen and who are called to active duty.

One of the two resolutions recommended for further study called for the creation of a new employer category (one to fifty employees) in the Employer of the Year Awards Program. The second called for the establishment of an awards program to recognize outstanding Local Veterans Employment Representatives and Disabled Veterans Outreach Program specialists.

On May 1 and 2 the National Executive Committee met and approved the commission's recommendations. □

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Mr. Robert S. Turner, National Commander
The American Legion
National Headquarters
Indianapolis, Indiana

We have audited the accompanying balance sheet of The American Legion National Headquarters as of December 31, 1990 and 1989, and the related statements of revenue, expenses and changes in fund balances and changes in financial position for the year ended December 31, 1990. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Legion's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The American Legion National Headquarters as of December 31, 1990 and 1989, and the results of its operations, changes in its fund balances and changes in financial position for the year ended December 31, 1990, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Geo. S. Olive & Co.
Indianapolis, Indiana
March 28, 1991

PRACTICE OFFICE LOCATIONS
INDIANAPOLIS FORT WAYNE
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THE AMERICAN LEGION

Balance

		December 31	
		1990	1989
Assets			
Current Fund:			
Cash		\$ 19,569	\$ 234,306
Restricted cash		796,495	791,781
Agent orange program		72,955	9,305
Accounts receivable:			
Emblem Division		95,746	121,948
Publications Division		990,711	869,715
Other		1,224,848	125,400
Accrued interest on investments		222,629	291,313
Inventories:			
Emblem Division		1,095,428	833,897
Publications Division		646,918	982,449
Prepaid expenses and supplies		420,881	1,121,393
Prepaid pension expense		2,236,414	1,808,704
Deferred membership expense		175,151	100,876
Deferred direct membership solicitation expense		3,972,601	2,915,303
Deferred revenue enhancement expense		293,982	345,320
Postal deposits		50,000	50,000
		<u>12,314,328</u>	<u>10,601,710</u>
Investments—note 3:			
Segregated for Designated Funds		9,706,555	9,066,104
Segregated for Washington, D.C. building		166,000	609,366
Segregated for health insurance		942,310	1,074,108
Restricted for pension		268,952	192,253
Other		15,197,545	17,559,051
Investment in subsidiary—note 2		92,729	—
		<u>26,374,091</u>	<u>28,500,882</u>
Property and equipment:			
Land — Indianapolis parking lot		238,359	238,359
Washington, D.C. real estate:			
Land		80,000	80,000
Building		4,674,821	1,253,521
Construction in progress — building renovation		—	3,406,139
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment in:			
National Headquarters building,			
Indianapolis, Indiana		3,041,160	2,415,656
Washington, D.C. building		1,024,300	532,542
Work in progress—computer, National Headquarters		1,615,905	—
		<u>10,674,545</u>	<u>7,926,217</u>
Deduct: Accumulated depreciation and amortization		<u>3,204,691</u>	<u>2,829,763</u>
		<u>7,469,854</u>	<u>5,096,454</u>
		<u>46,158,273</u>	<u>44,199,046</u>
Nonexpendable Funds—note 7:			
Overseas Graves Decoration Fund:			
Cash		30,574	34,855
Accrued interest on investments		17,978	14,851
Investments		785,675	735,198
		<u>834,227</u>	<u>784,904</u>
Paid-Up-For-Life Membership Fund:			
Cash		5,000	—
Accrued interest on investments		157,839	170,231
Investments		10,052,008	8,786,013
		<u>10,214,847</u>	<u>8,956,244</u>
		<u>\$57,207,347</u>	<u>\$53,940,194</u>

See notes to financial statements.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Sheet

Exhibit A

	December 31	
	1990	1989
Liabilities and Funds		
Current Fund:		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 1,910,279	\$ 1,640,093
Agent orange program	72,955	9,305
Capitalized lease obligations—note 4	31,540	56,937
Deposits on Emblem merchandise sales	127,337	157,513
Funds in transit to The American Legion		
Life Insurance Trust	407,424	684,820
Deferred dues income	13,414,698	13,171,311
Deferred income—direct membership solicitation	1,531,925	1,453,726
Deferred revenue enhancement income	225,408	328,453
Accrued vacation benefits	576,225	377,900
Provision for health insurance liability	45,005	45,003
Other liabilities	160,734	135,858
Total liabilities	<u>18,503,530</u>	<u>18,060,919</u>
Fund balances—notes 5 and 6:		
Restricted funds:		
Oratorical Contest Fund	244,049	211,068
Other restricted funds	365,893	260,023
Designated funds:		
The Restricted Fund	7,533,505	6,896,159
The Reserve Fund	<u>2,173,050</u>	<u>2,169,945</u>
	10,316,497	9,537,195
Appropriated funds	1,541,977	1,541,977
Unappropriated	<u>15,796,269</u>	<u>15,058,955</u>
Total fund balances	<u>27,654,743</u>	<u>26,138,127</u>
	<u>46,158,273</u>	<u>44,199,046</u>
Nonexpendable Funds—note 7:		
Overseas Graves Decoration Fund:		
Fund balance	<u>834,227</u>	<u>784,904</u>
	<u>834,227</u>	<u>784,904</u>
Paid-Up-For-Life Membership Fund:		
Fund balance	<u>10,214,847</u>	<u>8,956,244</u>
	<u>10,214,847</u>	<u>8,956,244</u>
	<u>\$57,207,347</u>	<u>\$53,940,194</u>

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Statement of Revenue, Expenses Current

	Year Ended 199	
	Unappropriated	Appropriate Funds
Revenue:		
National dues	\$16,829,259	
Sales of Emblem items	6,853,050	
Advertising revenue	6,591,179	
Investment income	1,605,064	
Direct membership solicitation	1,464,562	
Revenue enhancement	740,412	
American Legion Endowment Fund		
Corporation income—note 8	549,378	
Amounts withdrawn from The American Legion		
Life Insurance Trust—note 9	1,096,508	
Other restricted income	234,626	
Other income	4,822,851	
	<u>40,786,889</u>	
Expenses:		
Salaries	7,635,853	
Employee benefits—note 10	1,133,348	
Cost of sales	4,925,272	
Direct publication expenses	11,224,217	
Executive and staff travel	705,639	
Commission and committee	1,008,614	
Operational	5,138,219	
Office	2,768,503	
Occupancy	1,195,101	
Special projects and programs	4,306,538	
	<u>40,041,304</u>	
Operating Revenue in Excess of Expenses	745,585	
Equity in Loss of Subsidiary	(8,271)	
Excess of Revenue Over Expenses	737,314	
Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	<u>15,058,955</u>	<u>\$1,541,977</u>
Fund Balances, End of Year	<u>\$15,796,269</u>	<u>\$1,541,977</u>
See notes to financial statements.		

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and Changes in Fund Balances Fund

Exhibit B
Sheet 1

December 31

		1989
Designated and Restricted Funds	Total Current Fund	Total Current Fund
	\$16,829,259	\$16,709,677
	6,853,050	5,923,138
	6,591,179	5,863,972
\$ 640,451	2,245,515	2,295,327
	1,464,562	1,833,863
	740,412	665,838
	549,378	605,959
138,000	1,234,508	1,110,858
276,099	510,725	485,015
493,887	5,316,738	2,504,536
<u>1,548,437</u>	<u>42,335,326</u>	<u>37,998,183</u>
	7,635,853	6,984,310
	1,133,348	885,490
	4,925,272	4,220,974
	11,224,217	10,467,210
	705,639	697,714
	1,008,614	1,088,775
	5,138,219	5,910,431
	2,768,503	3,197,654
	1,195,101	832,815
769,135	5,075,673	2,444,774
<u>769,135</u>	<u>40,810,439</u>	<u>36,730,147</u>
779,302	1,524,887	1,268,036
	(8,271)	—
779,302	1,516,616	1,268,036
9,537,195	26,138,127	24,870,091
<u>\$10,316,497</u>	<u>\$27,654,743</u>	<u>\$26,138,127</u>
(Exhibit B Sheet 2)		

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Statement of Revenue, Expenses Designated and Year Ended

	Designated Funds	
	The Restricted Fund	The Reserve Fund
Revenue:		
Investment income	\$ 637,346	\$ 3,105
Amounts withdrawn from The American Legion Life Insurance Trust—note 9		
Restricted contributions		
Other income		
	<u>637,346</u>	<u>3,105</u>
 Expense:		
Special projects and programs	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
 Excess of Revenue Over Expenses	637,346	3,105
 Fund Balances, Beginning of Year	<u>6,896,159</u>	<u>2,169,945</u>
 Fund Balances, End of Year	<u><u>\$7,533,505</u></u>	<u><u>\$2,173,050</u></u>

See notes to financial statements.

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and Changes in Fund Balances Restricted Funds December 31, 1990

Exhibit B
Sheet 2

<u>Restricted Funds</u>		
<u>Oratorical Contest Fund</u>	<u>Other Restricted Funds</u>	<u>Total Designated And Restricted Funds</u>
		\$ 640,451
\$138,000		138,000
	\$276,099	276,099
	<u>493,887</u>	<u>493,887</u>
<u>138,000</u>	<u>769,986</u>	<u>1,548,437</u>
<u>105,019</u>	<u>664,116</u>	<u>769,135</u>
32,981	105,870	779,302
<u>211,068</u>	<u>260,023</u>	<u>9,537,195</u>
<u>\$244,049</u>	<u>\$365,893</u>	<u>\$10,316,497</u>

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Sheet 1)

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Statement of Changes in Financial Position Year Ended December 31, 2010

	Current Fund	Overseas Graves Decoration Trust
Operating Activities:		
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$1,516,616	\$ 49,323
Add:		
Depreciation charged to operations not requiring cash	495,823	
Equity in (earnings) loss of subsidiary	8,271	
Loss from sale of fixed assets	6,025	
Certain working capital transactions:		
Restricted cash	(4,714)	
Accounts receivable	(794,242)	
Accrued interest on investments	68,684	(3,127)
Inventories	74,000	
Prepaid expenses and supplies	272,802	
Deferred expenses	(1,080,235)	
Accounts payable	270,186	
Deposits on emblem merchandise sales	(30,176)	
Funds in transit to American Legion Life Insurance Trust	(277,396)	
Deferred income	218,541	
Accrued vacation	198,325	
Provision for health insurance liability	2	
Other liabilities	24,876	
Cash provided by operations	<u>967,388</u>	<u>46,196</u>
INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Additions to property and equipment	(2,881,513)	
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	6,265	
Net decrease/(increase) in investments	2,219,520	(50,477)
Investments in and advances to subsidiary	(501,000)	
	<u>(1,156,728)</u>	<u>(50,477)</u>
FINANCING ACTIVITY — principal payments under capital lease obligation	(25,397)	
Increase (Decrease) in Cash	(214,737)	(4,281)
Cash, Beginning of the Year	<u>234,306</u>	<u>34,855</u>
Cash, End of the Year	<u>\$ 19,569</u>	<u>\$ 30,574</u>

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Position — Increase (Decrease) in Cash ember 31, 1990

<u>Paid-Up For Life Membership Fees</u>	<u>1990 Total</u>	<u>1989 Total</u>
\$ 1,258,603	\$ 2,824,542	\$ 2,310,190
	495,823	219,825
	8,271	
	6,025	8,039
	(4,714)	(791,781)
	(794,242)	(205,675)
12,392	77,949	(125,780)
	74,000	6,345
	272,802	(934,728)
	(1,080,235)	979,356
	270,186	627,468
	(30,176)	(5,098)
	(277,396)	282,945
	218,541	724,235
	198,325	30,371
	2	3
	24,876	52,770
<u>1,270,995</u>	<u>2,284,579</u>	<u>3,178,485</u>
	(2,881,513)	(2,756,975)
	6,265	2,512
(1,265,995)	903,048	(613,497)
	(50 ,000)	
<u>(1,265,995)</u>	<u>(2,473,200)</u>	<u>(3,367,960)</u>
	(25,397)	(22,281)
5,000	(214,018)	(211,756)
	269,161	480,917
<u>\$ 5,000</u>	<u>\$ 55,143</u>	<u>\$ 269,161</u>

THE AMERICAN LEGION

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1—Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

General: The American Legion National Headquarters (the Legion) is a national veterans organization which was declared to be a corporate body by an Act of the United States Congress on September 16, 1919.

According to the Original Act and Subsequent Amendments, the purpose of the Organization is: "To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to promote peace and good will among the peoples of the United States and all the nations of the earth; to preserve the memories and incidents of the two World Wars and the other great hostilities fought to uphold democracy; to cement the ties and comradeship born of service; and to consecrate the efforts of its members to mutual helpfulness and service of their country."

Basis of Presentation: The Legion generally reports for financial statement purposes on the accrual method of accounting, recognizing income when earned and expenses when incurred.

The Legion maintains its accounts on a fund accounting basis wherein the accountability for certain segments of its operations are presented in specific designated and restricted fund balances. Further, the Legion has designated certain amounts for future projects or purposes, which amounts are presented as appropriated funds in the accompanying financial statements.

The revenue and expenses of nonexpendable funds are not included in the Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Fund Balances—Current Fund. Instead, they are recorded directly to the nonexpendable funds involved as set forth in the footnotes to the financial statements.

The amounts shown for 1989 in the accompanying Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Fund Balances—Current Fund and Statement of Changes in Financial Position are included only to provide a basis for comparison with 1990 amounts.

Accounts Receivable: The direct charge-off method is used to account for losses in collection of accounts receivable. An allowance for uncollectible accounts receivable is considered unnecessary by the Legion because all significant accounts expected to be uncollectible have been written off.

Inventories: Inventories, which consist of Emblem items held for sale and magazine paper and publication rights, are valued at the lower of cost or market. Supplies which are not intended for sale are expensed when purchased.

Investments: Investments are recorded at cost. Premiums or discounts on investments are generally recognized at the time of disposal or maturity.

Investment in Subsidiary: The Legion accounts for the investment in common stock of its wholly owned subsidiary, Haynes and Pittenger Direct, Inc. on the equity method.

Property and Equipment: Furniture, fixtures and equipment are carried at cost and are depreciated beginning in the month of acquisition on the straight-line method based on the estimated useful lives of the assets involved. Leasehold improvements and repairs are expensed when incurred.

Depreciation on the Washington, D.C. building is computed on the straight-line method using a thirty-year life.

Depreciation expense amounted to \$495,823 in 1990 and \$219,825 in 1989.

Income: Dues are recognized as income in the applicable membership period which is on a calendar-year basis.

In addition to other methods of obtaining new members, the Legion uses direct mail and other direct marketing approaches. The income generated from the direct membership solicitation is recognized in the applicable membership period (calendar year) and the expenses incurred to obtain these memberships are deferred and written off in the period in which the income is recognized.

The Legion is involved in various revenue enhancement programs. The revenue and expenses related to the programs are recognized in the periods to which they apply.

Income from The American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation and the American Legion Life Insurance Trust are recorded when received. These receipts are for projects and programs conducted in the year of receipt.

Pension Plan: The Legion has a defined-benefit pension plan covering substantially all of its employees, as well as those of certain affiliated and subordinated groups. The plan was established in 1944 by vote of the Legion's National Convention. Contributions to the plan are made by the Legion and other participating groups on the basis of annual actuarial valuations.

Federal Income Tax: The Legion is exempt from federal income tax (except on unrelated business income) under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Note 2—Investment In Subsidiary:

On September 28, 1990, the Legion purchased all of the outstanding shares of Haynes and Pittenger Direct, Inc., a corporation engaged in the creation and management of direct response advertising and marketing strategies. The Legion has chosen to account for this investment on the equity method since consolidation would not necessarily result in meaningful information and since the activities of the entity are not the same as the Legion. Details of the accounts receivable and the investment are presented below:

Balance Sheet:

Accounts receivable—other		\$ 400,000
Investment in subsidiary:		
Original investment	\$ 101,000	
(Loss (9/28/90-12/31/90)	(8,271)	
		92,729
Total—balance sheet		<u>\$ 492,729</u>

The accounts receivable — other consists of a \$400,000 note receivable, dated September, 1990, bearing interest at 9%. Interest only is being paid until August, 1991. Beginning August, 1991, the note is to be repaid in 120 equal installments of principal and interest.

Net assets (deficit) of subsidiary	<u>\$(101,005)</u>
Net loss of subsidiary (9/28/90-12/31/90)	<u>\$(8,271)</u>

The net assets of the subsidiary at December 31, 1990 consist primarily of cash and receivables.

The Legion has a sublease agreement with Haynes and Pittenger Direct, Inc. for office space. The lease is a ten year operating lease which expires in November, 2000.

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The following is a schedule of future minimum rental payments required under this lease.

Years ending	
December 31:	
1991	\$ 90,473
1992	130,000
1993	130,000
1994	130,000
1995	130,000
Thereafter	650,000

The Legion is an unconditional guarantor of two promissory notes that Haynes & Pittenger Direct, Inc. carries with a bank. The two notes total \$188,000.

Note 3—Investments (Current Fund):

The cost and market value of Current Fund investments are as follows:

	December 31			
	1990		1989	
	Cost	Market Value	Cost	Market Value
Segregated for Designated Funds:				
U.S. Government obligations	\$5,443,578	\$5,552,986	\$ 7,816,925	\$ 7,918,896
Accrued interest—restricted	110,386	100,386	157,179	157,179
Money market accounts	4,152,000	4,152,000	1,091,500	1,091,500
Uninvested cash	591	591	500	500
	<u>9,706,555</u>	<u>9,815,963</u>	<u>9,066,104</u>	<u>9,168,075</u>
Segregated for Washington, D.C. building:				
U.S. Government obligations	166,000	169,536	609,366	606,891
Segregated for health insurance:				
Money market accounts	342,310	342,310	224,108	224,108
Certificates of deposit	600,000	600,000	850,000	850,000
Restricted for pension:	<u>942,310</u>	<u>942,310</u>	<u>1,074,108</u>	<u>1,074,108</u>
Money market accounts	268,952	268,952	192,253	192,253
Other:				
U.S. Government obligations	12,025,083	11,958,988	13,975,851	13,913,945
Certificates of deposit	200,000	200,000	100,000	100,000
Repurchase Agreements	1,800,000	1,800,000	2,300,000	2,300,000
Money market accounts	1,172,462	1,172,462	1,183,200	1,183,200
	<u>15,197,545</u>	<u>15,131,450</u>	<u>17,559,051</u>	<u>17,497,145</u>
Investment in subsidiary	92,729	92,729	—	—
Total investments	<u>\$26,374,091</u>	<u>\$26,420,940</u>	<u>\$28,500,882</u>	<u>\$28,538,472</u>

Note 4—Capital and Operating Leases:

The Legion has entered into a lease agreement (which is accounted for as a capital lease) for the rental of a copier. The Legion has an option to purchase the equipment at the end of the original lease term at its fair market value. The Legion is liable for property taxes, insurance, and repairs and maintenance in connection with the leased copier. Cost and accumulated amortization of the capitalized lease was \$128,395 and \$106,997 at December 31, 1990 and \$128,395 and \$85,597 at December 31, 1989. Future minimum payments on the copier lease, together with the present value of the payments, is as follows:

Years ending	
December 31:	
1991	\$ 31,397
1992	2,618
Total future minimum payments	34,015
Less: Amount representing interest (approximately 13%)	2,475
Present value of future minimum payments	<u>\$31,540</u>

The Legion also rents other computer equipment, copiers, and cash registers under operating leases. Total rental expense on these operating leases was approximately \$86,000 in 1990 and \$119,000 in 1989.

In addition, the Legion has a lease with the State of Indiana for rental of the National Headquarters building in Indianapolis through November, 1993. According to the terms of the lease, in lieu of rental payments the Legion is required to maintain the interior of the building, as well as provide adequate insurance on the building. The cost of maintenance approximated \$365,000 in 1990 and \$340,000 in 1989. Insurance coverage is included in the Legion's general insurance policy. The Legion has the option of renewing the lease on the same terms through November, 1997.

Note 5—Restricted and Designated Funds:

Receipts which are restricted by the donor are credited to the appropriate restricted fund, against which all expenditures for the related project or program are charged. Periodically, the Legion may add to restricted funds through allocations from unappropriated funds for specific future purposes and projects.

The Restricted Fund, a designated fund, is restricted as to use by action of the National Finance Commission and National Executive Committee. Earnings of the Fund, as well as principal, can be expended only on the recommendation of the National Finance Committee and a two-thirds affirmative vote of the National Executive Committee at two successive meetings. It is the policy of The American Legion to transfer 10% of the prior year's defined net income to the Restricted Fund. There was no transfer to the Restricted Fund for 1990 of 1989 due to a net loss. The Restricted Fund transferred \$3,229,072 to unappropriated funds during 1989 for the Washington, D.C. building renovation project.

The Reserve Fund, a designated fund, also is restricted as to use by action of the National Finance Commission and National Executive Committee. Earnings of the Fund may be used for the general operations of the Legion, but the principal can be expended only:

- (a) By action of the Legion at its national convention, or
- (b) By two-thirds affirmative vote of the National Executive Committee in two successive meetings not less than sixty days apart.

Note 6—Appropriated Funds and Interfund Transfers:

There were no interfund transfers during 1990 between unappropriated and appropriated funds. The balances of appropriated funds at December 31, 1990 and 1989 were as follows:

Computer Reserve	\$ 500,000
Real Estate Reserve	841,977
Convention Reserve	100,000
Employee Insurance Premium Stabilization Reserve	100,000
Totals	<u>\$1,541,977</u>

Note 7—Nonexpendable Funds:

The earnings of the Overseas Graves Decoration Fund are being used to honor, preserve and decorate the graves of those who served in the United States armed forces who are buried overseas. The Fund is to continue at the will of the National Convention of the Legion or the National Executive Committee. The Fund's trust agreement may be amended, changed or succeeded at the will of the National Executive Committee, provided that the purpose for which the Fund was created is retained.

In October, 1974, the National Executive Committee approved the establishment of a life membership plan available to any member of a participating department. In accordance with the plan, the assets of the Paid-Up-For-Life Membership Fund are segregated in a trust account from which funds equal to the annual dues of life members are withdrawn for current operations each year. The trust agreement provides that the Legion has the right to withdraw part or all of the assets of the trust account and to modify or terminate the trust agreement at its discretion.

Changes in Nonexpendable Funds during the year ended December 31, 1990 are as follows:

	Overseas Graves Decoration Fund	Paid-Up-For-Life Membership Fund
Revenue:		
Paid-Up-For-Life membership dues collected		\$1,425,677
Investment income	\$ 67,187	754,314
	<u>67,187</u>	<u>2,179,991</u>
Expenses:		
Membership dues withdrawn		735,052
Decoration of graves	17,864	
Administrative expense		157,126
Trust fees		29,210
	<u>17,864</u>	<u>921,388</u>
Excess of revenue over expenses	49,323	1,258,603
Fund balances, January 1, 1990	<u>784,904</u>	<u>8,956,244</u>
Fund balances, December 31, 1990	<u>\$834,227</u>	<u>\$10,214,847</u>

The cost and market value of investments in the Nonexpendable Funds are as follows:

	December 31			
	1990		1989	
	Cost	Market Value	Cost	Market Value
Overseas Graves Decoration Fund:				
U.S. Government obligations	\$ 785,675	\$ 798,455	\$ 735,198	\$ 741,452
Paid-Up-For-Life Membership Fund:				
U.S. Government obligations	6,400,646	6,517,890	6,789,271	6,863,917
Money market accounts	1,687,903	1,687,903	323,835	323,835
Common stocks	<u>1,963,459</u>	<u>2,598,529</u>	<u>1,672,907</u>	<u>2,344,801</u>
	10,052,008	10,804,321	8,786,013	9,532,553
Total investments	<u>\$10,837,683</u>	<u>\$11,602,776</u>	<u>\$9,521,211</u>	<u>\$10,274,005</u>

Note 8—American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation:

The American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation (the Endowment Fund) was incorporated in 1925 as a not-for-profit corporation with perpetual existence to act as trustee for the American Legion Endowment Fund, which was created to provide permanent funding for rehabilitation of American veterans and assistance to orphans of veterans. In August, 1946, the Legion transferred securities having a market value of \$2,001,000 to the Endowment Fund. The assets transferred have been held segregated by the Endowment Fund and the principal related to the 1946 transfer, which had a market value of \$1,986,568 at December 31, 1990, may be withdrawn by the Legion, if needed, for rehabilitation of veterans or assistance to orphans of veterans.

Income earned on the investments of the Endowment Fund, net of administrative expenses, is payable to the Legion to support its programs for the above-mentioned purposes. Income from the Endowment Fund amounted to \$549,378 in 1990 and \$605,959 in 1989.

Note 9—Life Insurance Trust:

In connection with The American Legion's Life Insurance Plan, the Legion has created a Trust to which the First National Bank of Kansas City, Missouri, as Trustee, holds legal title. The accumulated earnings of the Trust funds and any experience rating refunds and dividends received from the insurers, which aggregate to \$6,067,064 as of December 31, 1990, are available for any of the following purposes, if approved by the Legion:

- (a) To increase the Trust fund.
- (b) To reduce or pay in full the life insurance premiums thereafter due from participants.
- (c) To provide additional life insurance benefits for the participants.
- (d) To make refunds to the participants.
- (e) To make distributions to the Legion in support of its activities and programs serving the interest of the Legion and its members, provided that such distributions are not disapproved in writing by a majority of the participants.

In accordance with the provisions of item (e) above, the Legion's National Executive Committee has approved partial funding of the oratorical contest, Boys' Nation, American Legion Baseball, and other programs of the Legion. At December 31, 1990, \$932,700 in Trust Funds had been approved for use in designated programs during 1991.

Note 10—Pension Plan:

The funded status of the pension plan at the end of the year was:

	December 31	
	1990	1989
Actuarial present value of plan benefits:		
Vested	\$ (11,811,232)	\$ (12,962,220)
Nonvested	(339,830)	(521,323)
Accumulated benefit obligation	<u>\$ (12,151,062)</u>	<u>\$ (13,483,543)</u>
Projected benefit obligation	<u>\$ (13,247,680)</u>	<u>\$ (14,693,658)</u>
Plans assets at fair value, primarily listed stocks, bonds, and U.S. securities	<u>23,155,022</u>	<u>20,468,532</u>
Excess of plan assets over projected benefit obligation	9,907,342	5,774,874
Unrecognized net gain	(5,476,225)	(1,559,805)
Prior service cost not yet recognized in net periodic pension cost	942,821	1,023,022
Unrecognized net asset at end of year	<u>(3,137,524)</u>	<u>(3,429,387)</u>
Prepaid pension expense	<u>\$ 2,236,414</u>	<u>\$ 1,808,704</u>

Net pension expense (credit) included the following components:

	1990	1989
Service cost—benefits earned during the year	\$ 530,354	\$ 514,230
Interest cost on projected benefit obligation	1,031,374	1,014,328
Actual return on assets	(3,420,543)	(1,849,645)
Net amortization and deferral	<u>1,608,823</u>	<u>214,993</u>
Net pension expense (credit)	<u>\$ (249,992)</u>	<u>\$ (106,094)</u>

The discount rate and rate of increase in future compensation levels used in determining the actuarial present value of the projected benefit obligation were 8 and 3%, respectively, for 1990 and 7.25 and 3%, respectively, for 1989. The assumed rate of return on plan assets for 1990 and 1989 was 8% for both years.

Note 11—Litigation:

The Legion is currently involved in and/or has been mentioned as a defendant or co-defendant in several legal actions. It is the opinion of the National Judge Advocate that these claims are without merit and any ultimate liability of the Legion with respect to these actions will not materially affect the financial position of the Legion.



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Mr. Robert S. Turner, National Commander
The American Legion
National Headquarters
Indianapolis, Indiana

We have audited and reported separately on the basic financial statements of The American Legion National Headquarters as of December 31, 1990 and 1989 and for the year ended December 31, 1990.

Our audits were made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The reconciliation of audited financial statements to internal financial statements is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Geo. S. Olive & Co.
Indianapolis, Indiana
March 28, 1991

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Reconciliation of Audited Financial Statements to Internal Financial Statements Year Ended December 31, 1990

	Total Current Fund
Excess of Revenue Over Expenses — Internal Financial Statements	\$737,314
Excess of Revenue Over Expenses (Unappropriated) — Audited Financial Statements — exhibit B, sheet 1	\$737,314
Add:	
Excess of revenue over expenses for certain designated and restricted funds not included in internal financials — principally The Restricted Fund — exhibit B, sheet 2	779,302
Excess of Revenue Over Expenses — Audited Financial Statements — exhibit B, sheet 1	<u>\$1,516,616</u>

American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation

Robert Charles Smith (LA) President

Foreseeing the necessity of a recurring income source for funding its war veterans rehabilitation and child welfare programs, The American Legion conducted a national campaign in 1925 which raised approximately \$5 million for this purpose. The funds contributed were entrusted to the custody of the American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation.

The Corporation was incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware in 1925 and a trust agreement between The American Legion and the Corporation was signed in

accordance with which the funds are administered by the Corporation with the annual net investment income being paid to The American Legion for use in the two programs involved.

The operations and financial condition of the American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation for each of the last five years are summarized below (taken from the annual audit reports prepared by Geo. S. Olive & Co., Indianapolis, Indiana).

	December 31, 1990	December 31, 1989	December 31, 1988	December 31, 1987	December 31, 1986
Total assets	\$7,494,544	\$7,513,872	\$7,457,123	\$7,437,287	\$7,410,175
Investments—at cost	\$7,374,020	\$7,400,529	\$7,377,303	\$7,372,598	\$7,325,349
Interest income	\$ 627,284	\$ 673,095	\$ 594,968	\$ 585,017	\$ 628,683
Expenses	53,173	27,180	23,147	29,278	25,706
Excess income over expense	\$ 574,111	\$ 645,915	\$ 571,821	\$ 555,739	\$ 602,977
Funds transferred to The American Legion	\$ 600,498	\$ 598,541	\$ 583,324	\$ 577,471	\$ 573,282
Average yield on book value of investments	8.43%	8.58%	8.65%	8.29%	8.47%

Affiliated Organizations

Seventy-one years ago the American Legion Auxiliary was formed to benefit veterans and their families. This past year, members of the world's largest patriotic organization of women proved that their purpose is still clear and their dedication as strong as ever.

The American Legion Auxiliary showed its continued dedication to servicemen and women through its Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation (VA&R) program, in which 94,041 members volunteered 3.2 million hours and spent \$8 million to assist 1.7 million veterans.

The Auxiliary's familiar flower of remembrance — the red crepe paper Poppy — aided veterans through manufacture and distribution for contributions to benefit all veterans both in and outside of hospitals and VA medical centers. Poppy funds are used for VA&R projects and to provide an income for hospitalized veterans. More than 11 million poppies were made and \$9.5 million in donations was received.

National President Ruby Paul selected as her special project for 1990-91 the Auxiliary Emergency Fund (AEF). Established in November, 1969, through a bequest from the estate of Helen Colby Small, an Auxiliary member from Burlington, Wisconsin, the fund grants emergency assistance for Auxiliary members. EMMrs. Paul set a goal to raise \$100,000. At this time, Auxiliary members have surpassed this goal by raising more than \$127,000 and funded grants totaling \$98,257 to aid 110 members in need. The Auxiliary has more than fulfilled the AEF motto of "Women Helping Women."

The Auxiliary also assists our nation's children in several ways. Through Education, in which \$1,358,270 was awarded in scholarships to high school students pursuing a higher education. This includes \$184,750 in nursing scholarships awarded by the Past Presidents Parley. The Children and Youth program gave direct financial aid of nearly \$1.3 million to children and contributions totaling \$1,403,265 were

made to organizations who assist children.

In addition, Auxiliary members provided 66 scholarships to high school students to attend the Americanism Youth Conference at Freedoms Foundation, Valley Forge, Pa. Another long-standing program geared to promote the ideals of democracy and patriotism, Girls State/Girls Nation, was attended by more than 19,000 young women, who have completed their junior year in high school.

Junior members, Auxiliary members under the age of 18, represent nearly 13 percent of the organization and take part in most major Auxiliary programs. They are nurtured and trained by Senior members to assume the leadership roles of the future organization. This year, Juniors contributed an overall total of 224,147 volunteer hours and played a prominent role in VA&R assistance programs for our nation's veterans by contributing 23,240 hours in VA medical centers, nursing homes and homebound programs. They volunteered 58,149 hours in Community Service programs, and 39,789 hours in Children and Youth activities.

The American Legion Auxiliary is well known for its concern for the nation's communities. This year, Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm brought an added concern to American families and the Auxiliary was there to help with the Legion-sponsored National Family Support Network, a "hot line" for families of military personnel deployed in the Persian Gulf. Units and Departments across the nation assisted families with information and emergency financial aid for travel, food and general household expenses.

The Auxiliary's Community Service program continued its work for community betterment through assistance for the homeless, the needy and senior citizens in which 98,212 volunteers worked 2.8 million hours and spent \$3 million for the safety,

beautification and betterment of their communities.

The events in the Persian Gulf also affected America's sense of patriotism and the Auxiliary was there to help as proud Americans showed their support of our troops by flying the flag. A total of 2,953 Auxiliary Units distributed 178,118 flags, 12,300 copies of "Our Country's Flag," and more than 20,000 flag etiquette brochures. Flag education programs were conducted and sponsored by 2,468 Units, many programs involved flag team demonstrations and proper flag disposal demonstrations.

In addition, members honored 13,978 newly-naturalized citizens. In support of veterans benefits and the flag protection amendment, members wrote 50,843 letters and made 11,080 phone calls to state or federal legislators.

The Eight and Forty (8 & 40), an affiliated organization of the Auxiliary, works with the Legion and Auxiliary in support of veterans, their families and the community. The special concern of the 8 & 40 is children with respiratory illnesses. Partners of the 8 & 40 helped 20,741 children with cystic fibrosis and 11,747 children with tuberculosis and other respiratory diseases by volunteering 29,607 hours and spending \$89,717. Eight & Forty Partners contributed \$45,453 to Christmas seals and \$26,748 to the American Lung Association. The National 8 & 40 project is the National Jewish Center for Immunology and Respiratory Medicine, Denver, Colo., and this year contributions reached an all-time high of \$60,155. In support of Legion and Auxiliary child welfare programs, 8 & 40 donated nearly \$22,000. National 8 & 40 also funds nursing scholarships, and this year, awarded twenty \$2,500 scholarships.

The American Legion Auxiliary, this year, showed "America, We Remember" the sacrifices of our veterans. We showed our pride in our country and our adherence to the principles upon which our nearly one million member organization was founded. □



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